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STORY OF BAKI SERIES

[バキ]シリーズ ここまでのストーリー

空手、プロレス、中国拳法、柔術、ボクシング、
レスリング…「最強」の名に魅せられた
格闘界の怪物たちが真の決着を求め集う聖地――
それが東京ドーム地下闘技場だ!!
そして、そこに君臨し続ける王者の名は範馬刃牙。
齢十八になったばかりの少年王者は、
五人の最凶死刑囚、中国の海王、
史上最強生物・ピクルらとの激闘を乗り越え、
確かに成長する。
そしてついに、父であり「地上最強の生物」である
範馬勇次郎との親子喧嘩を迎える。
全ての力を出し切って、永きに渡った
史上最大の親子喧嘩を決着させた刃牙。
果たして刃牙の次なるステージは…!?

前巻までのあらすじ▶ 武蔵に対し、「ゴキブリダッシュ」や
手足の「先端の操作」など、現代格闘技の粋を
集めた技術をお見舞いする刃牙ッッ!!
しかし一度は武蔵にダメージを与えたものの、すぐに対応されてしまう…。
そして勝負は、「意識のトリガー」の奪い合いへと変貌していく。
史上稀に見る達人戦。
この戦いの果てに、立っているのはどっちだ…!?

BAKI HANMA
範馬刃牙

BAKI-DOU.22

NEW STORY OF "BAKI", THE STRONGEST BOY ON THE EARTH

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Chapter 189: Views on Training

A CLASS-MATE PLAYED A JOKE ON HIM,
ENTIRE-LY PULLING HIS CHAIR OUT...
FROM UNDER HIM.
WHA!?

THEY REALIZED INSTANT-LY.

'THIS GUY IS PER-FECTLY TRAINED' ...

...

WE REALIZE THAT.

NO, WE DON'T TALK ABOUT IT, BUT...

KUBOI HAJIME.

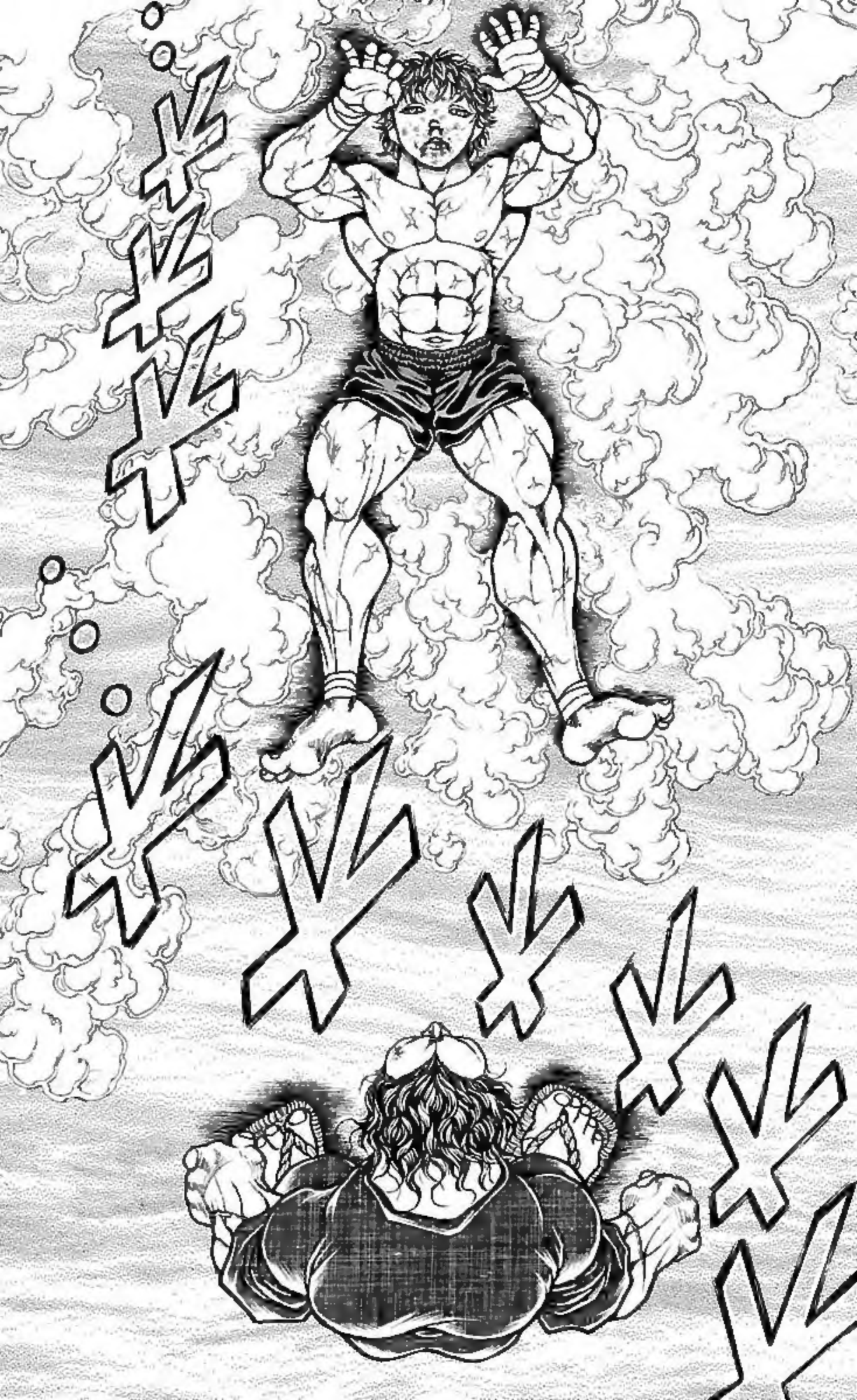
CLASS-MATE...

THE ATHLETES IN THE CLUBS-

WE'VE KNOWN FOR A WHILE.

REALLY, REALLY STRONG.

BAKI IS STRONGER THAN THEM.

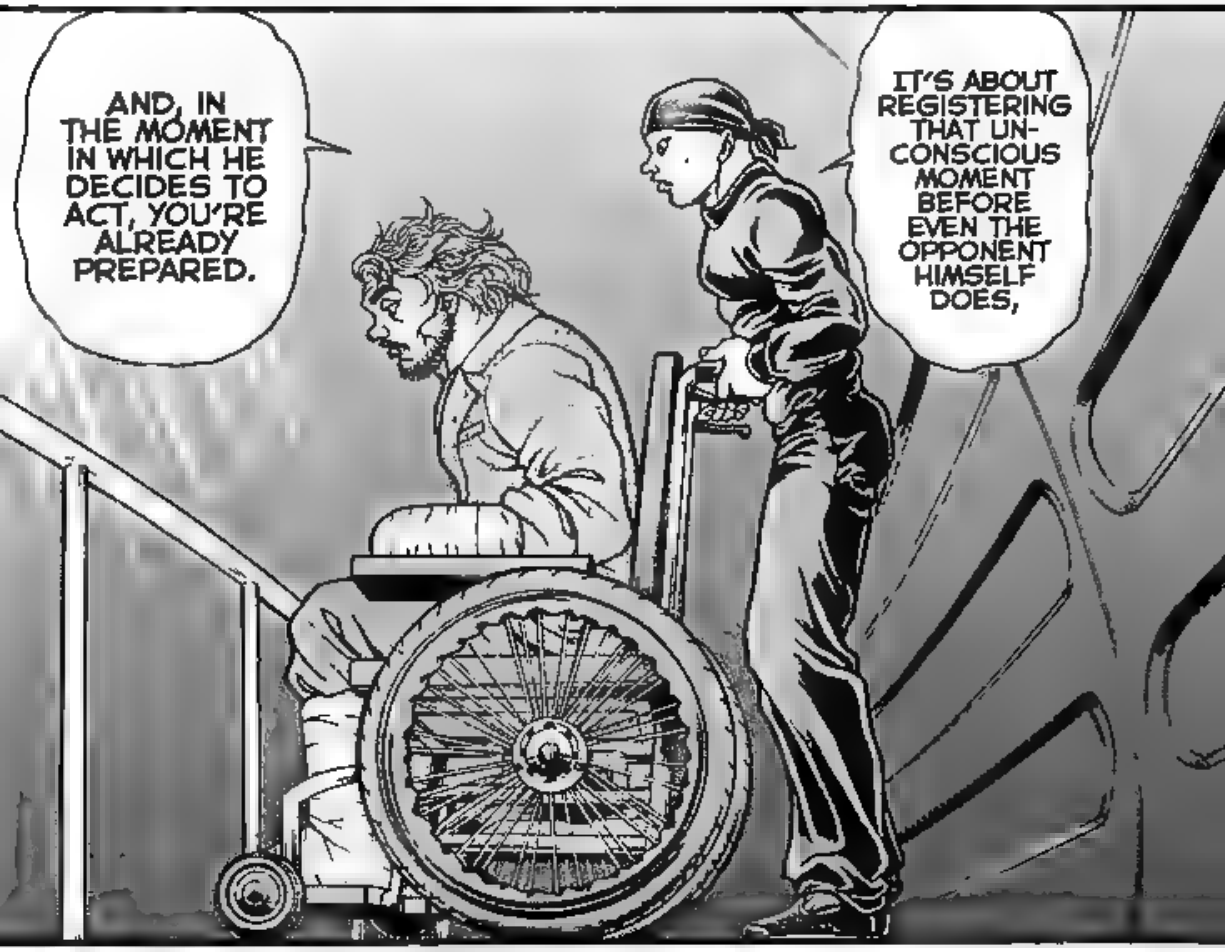


THIS IS RIDICU-LOUS!
UN-BELIEV-ABLE!
HE'S SO STROOO-ONG!

HE'S ON ANOTHER LEVEL!

THAT HE WOULD FALL FOR THAT BAIT...!
IT'S NO SUR-PRISE...

OF COURSE HE WOULD...



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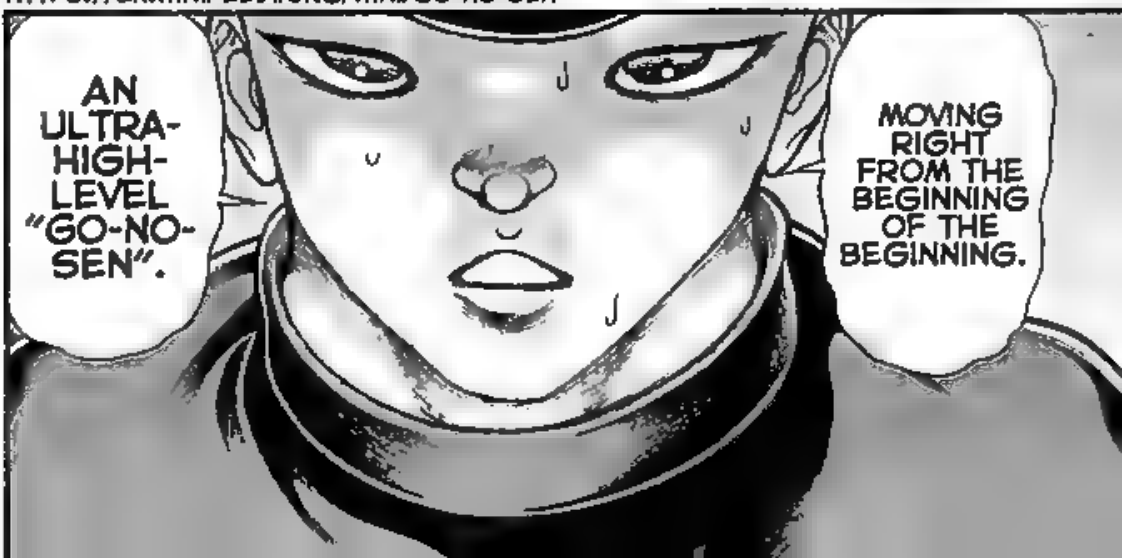


THAT MUCH, I COULD UNDER-STAND. BUT...
WELL, THAT SORT OF THING-
WHAT MUSASHI SHOWED US WAS BEYOND THAT.
HE USED HIS BRAIN SIGNAL AS BAIT. AS A COUNTER.

IN HIS ERA, DEFEAT CAME WITH DEATH.

"IN THE INSTANT WE TOUCH, IT'S ALL OVER."

I IMAGINE "READING MATCHES" OF THAT LEVEL MUST HAVE BEEN STANDARD BETWEEN STRONG FIGHTERS.

HE CAN'T BEAT SOME-THING LIKE THAT...

...

YOU THINK SO?
WHAT?
武
THIS IS THE GOD OF WAR,
WHO MODERN MARTIAL ARTS HAVE LONG LOOKED UP TO.

FALL HERE, AGAINST THE REAL AND LIVING MIYAMOTO MUSASHI?

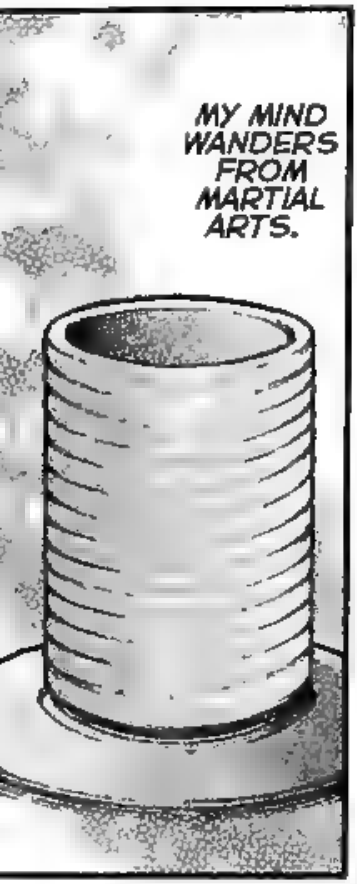
WOULD THE GREATEST CREATION OF MODERN FIGHTING TECHNIQUE...

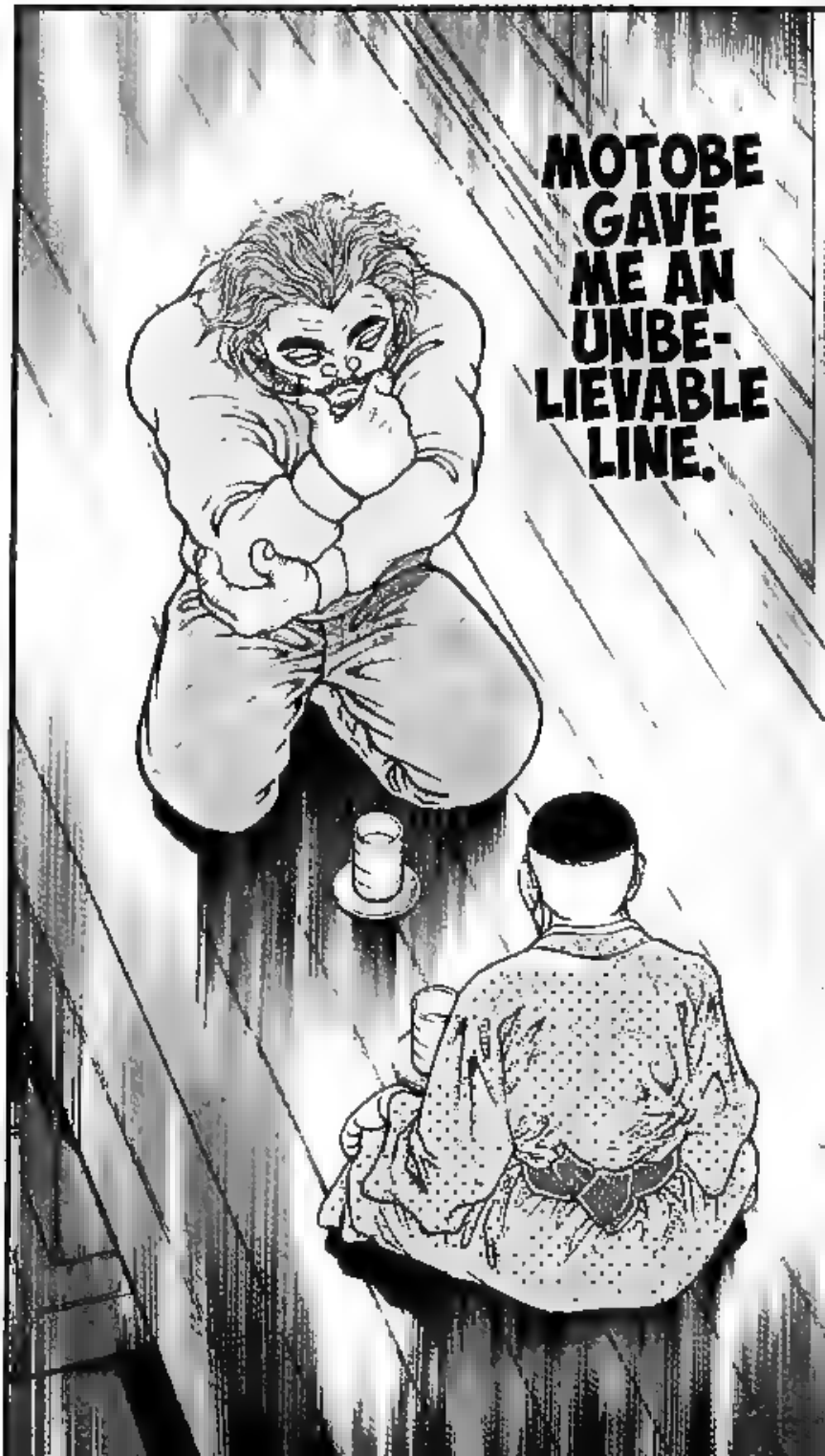
AT MOTOBE'S HOME...

AS THE SUN ROSE ON THE DAY MOTOBE IZOU FOUGHT MUSASHI,

WHEN THE EXTENT OF HIS DAILY TRAINING CAME UP,

SE-VERAL TIMES A DAY...


MY MIND WANDERS FROM MARTIAL ARTS.


MOTOBE GAVE ME AN UNBE-LIEVABLE LINE.

"THINKING ABOUT IT..."

I SPEND EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY AND NIGHT,

HOLD THAT KIND OF LOVE FOR CONFLICT?

DO I, SHIBUKAWA GOUKI,

TAKEDA SOUKAKU!?

DID THE FOUNDER OF AIKI,

DID MASTER MIKO-SHIBA!?

MOTOBE.

WHERE DID YOU LEARN THAT?
SO-

Sip....

WELL?

ORIGINALLY, I THOUGHT WALKING NATURALLY FIT INTO ALL OF IT.

...BUT.
AND, FOR A TIME, I LIVED BY THAT BELIEF.

SOMEONE HAS SUBVERTED MY VIEWS ON THE PATH.

BUT ...?

A MAN WE BOTH KNOW WELL.

HANMA BAKI.
WHAT HE DOES IS TRULY 24/7.
ALL OF HIS DAILY LIFE IS "PLAY".
NO MATTER WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ANY PARTICULAR MOMENT,

AMIDST CONFLICT,

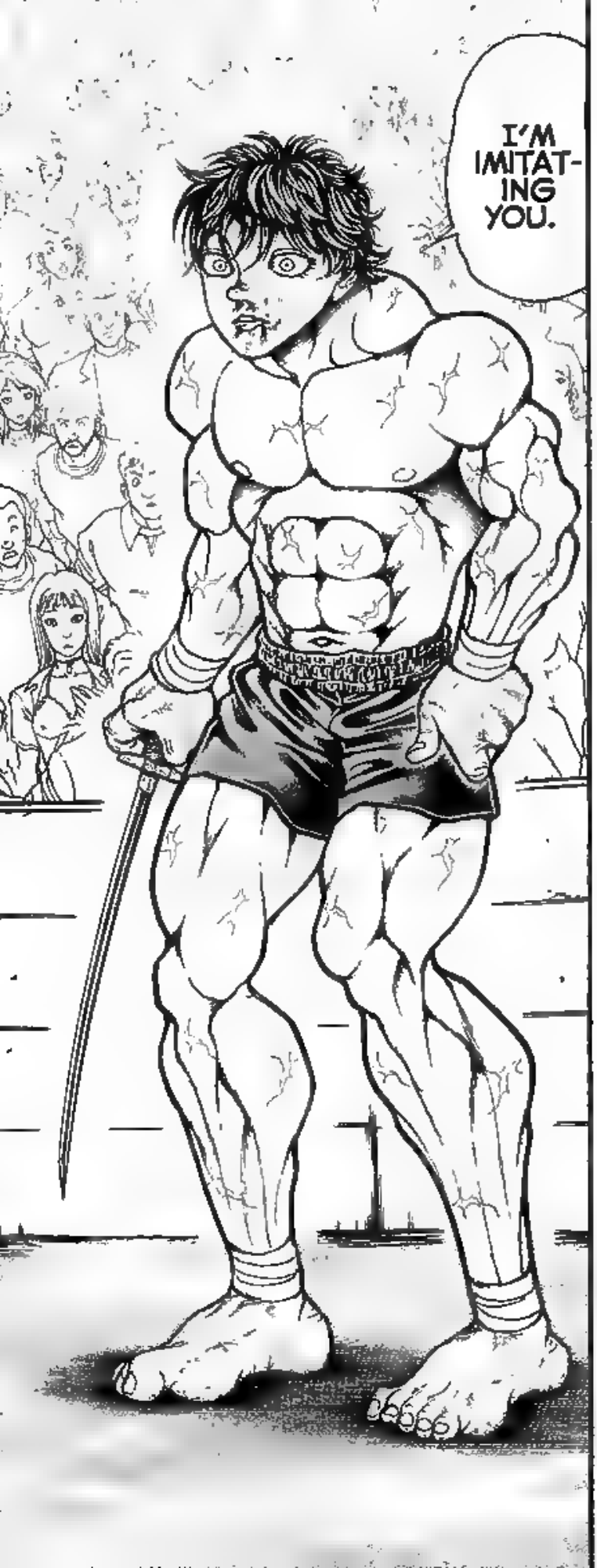
HE SPENDS HIS WHOLE DAY...

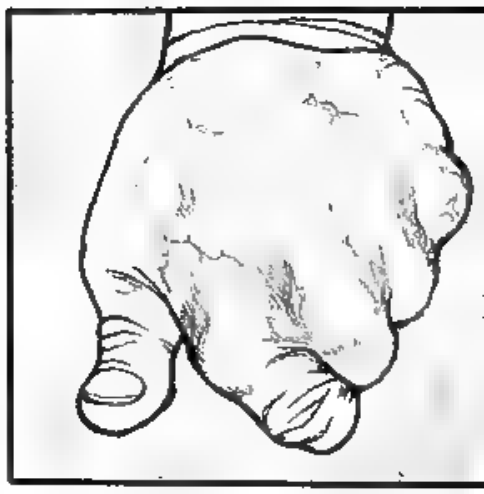
"PLAYING".

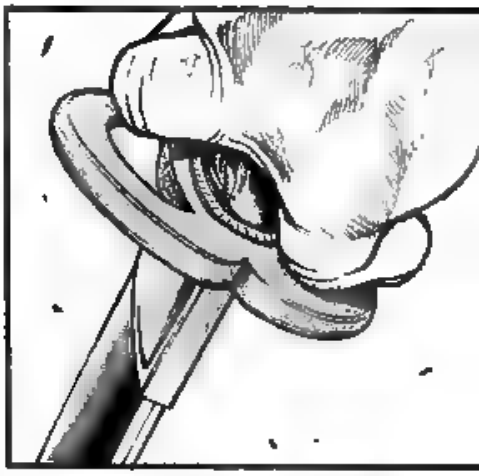
I COULDN'T EVEN WRAP MY HEAD AROUND IT.

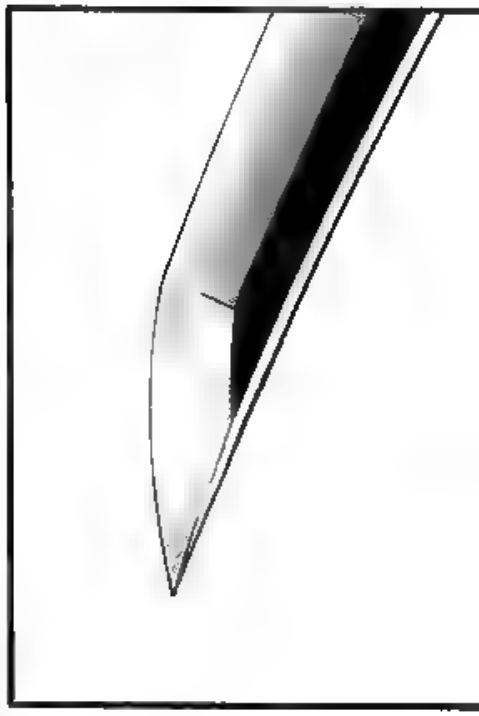
SOMEONE WHO WORKS HARD...
CAN NEVER BEAT SOMEONE WHO ENJOYS HIMSELF.

BOY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


I'M IMITATING YOU.







Thanks to my Yankii and Skeleton buddies for helping with a line - Jawsh

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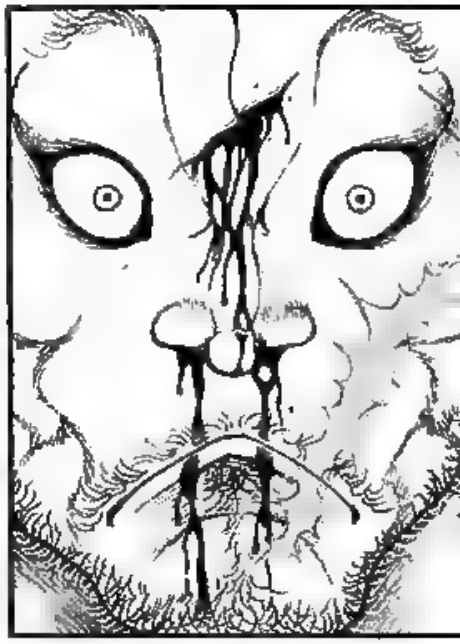
Chapter 190: Farewell

HOLDING A SWORD AGAINST MUSASHI?
WHAT COULD YOU HOPE TO ACCOMP-LISH,

I'M IMITATING YOU.

WITHOUT A SWORD, YOU'VE BEEN CUT BY ME SEVERAL TIMES.



WOULD JUST BE TOO SHITTY.
SLAUGH-TER-ING YOU WITHOUT EVEN DRAWING A REAL SWORD...

S-SLAUGHTERING....!?

SLAUGH-TER'.
Tap Tap
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT UP HERE, BOY?
WHO IS GOING TO SLAUGH-TER WHOM?

I CAME HERE...

TO BID YOU FARE-WELL.

BUT IT WILL NOT BE ME.

CERTAINLY ONE OF US WILL DEPART,

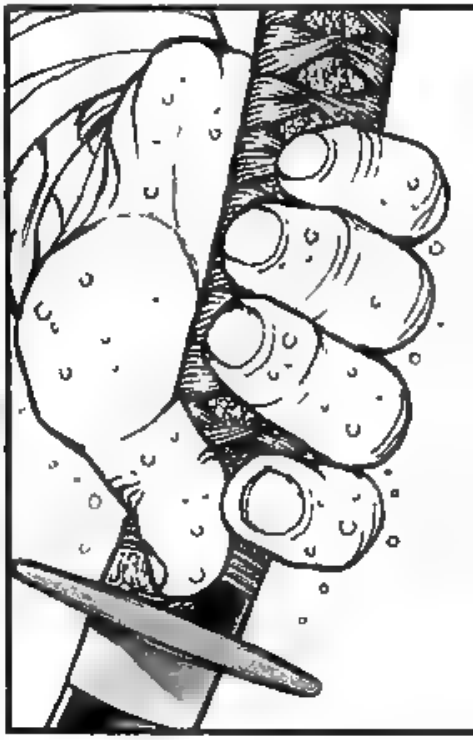
I WILL CUT, AND CUT, AND CUT MY WAY UP...

AND LOOK DOWN UPON THIS LAND FROM THE SUMMIT.

I SHALL REMAIN, AND RISE TO THE TOP OF THIS LAND BY CUTTING.

LIAR.

YOU CAN'T RISE BY CUTTING PEOPLE DOWN HERE.

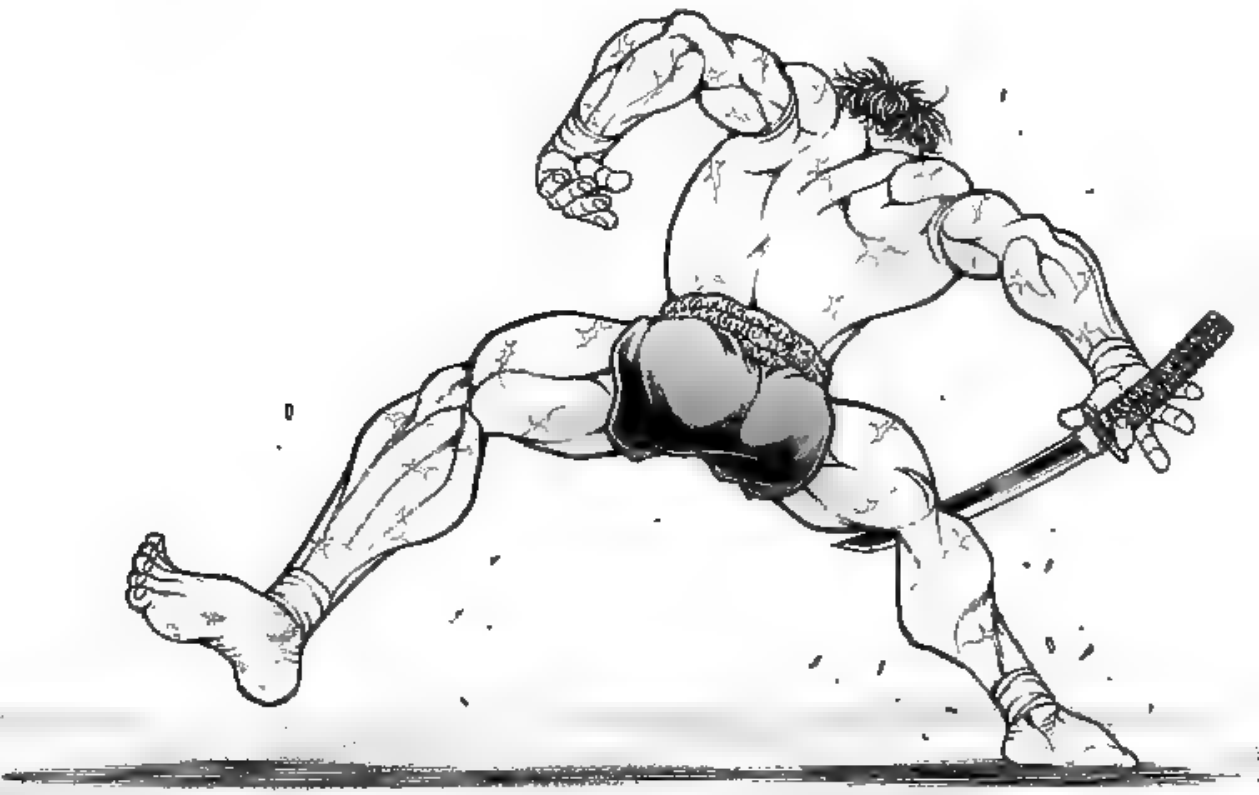


FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW.

YOU'VE BEEN AWARE OF THAT...

YOU CAN'T STAY IN THIS WORLD.
MUSASHI-SAN.

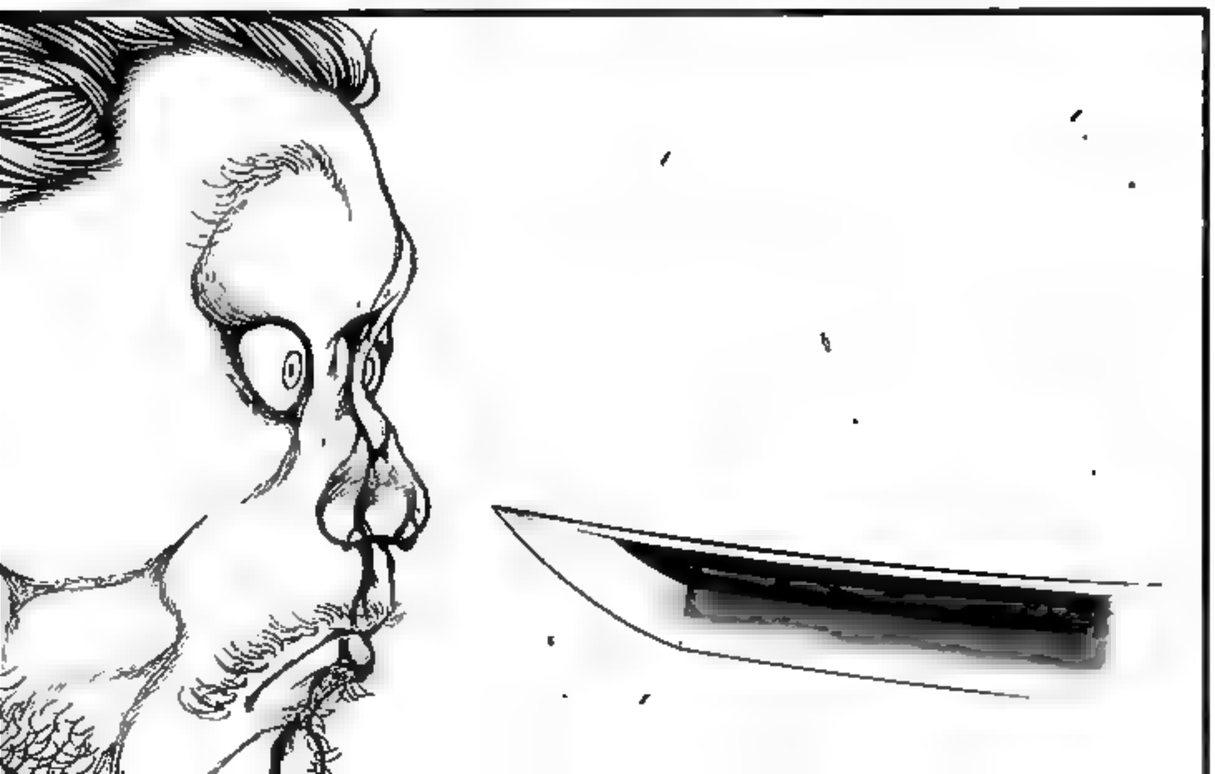
THAT GRIP ...!
!
THAT'S HOW MUSA-SHI HOLDS IT!



THAT'S WAY TOO CLOSE RANGE!

HE'S SO CLOSE-

YOU'RE THROWING IT!?

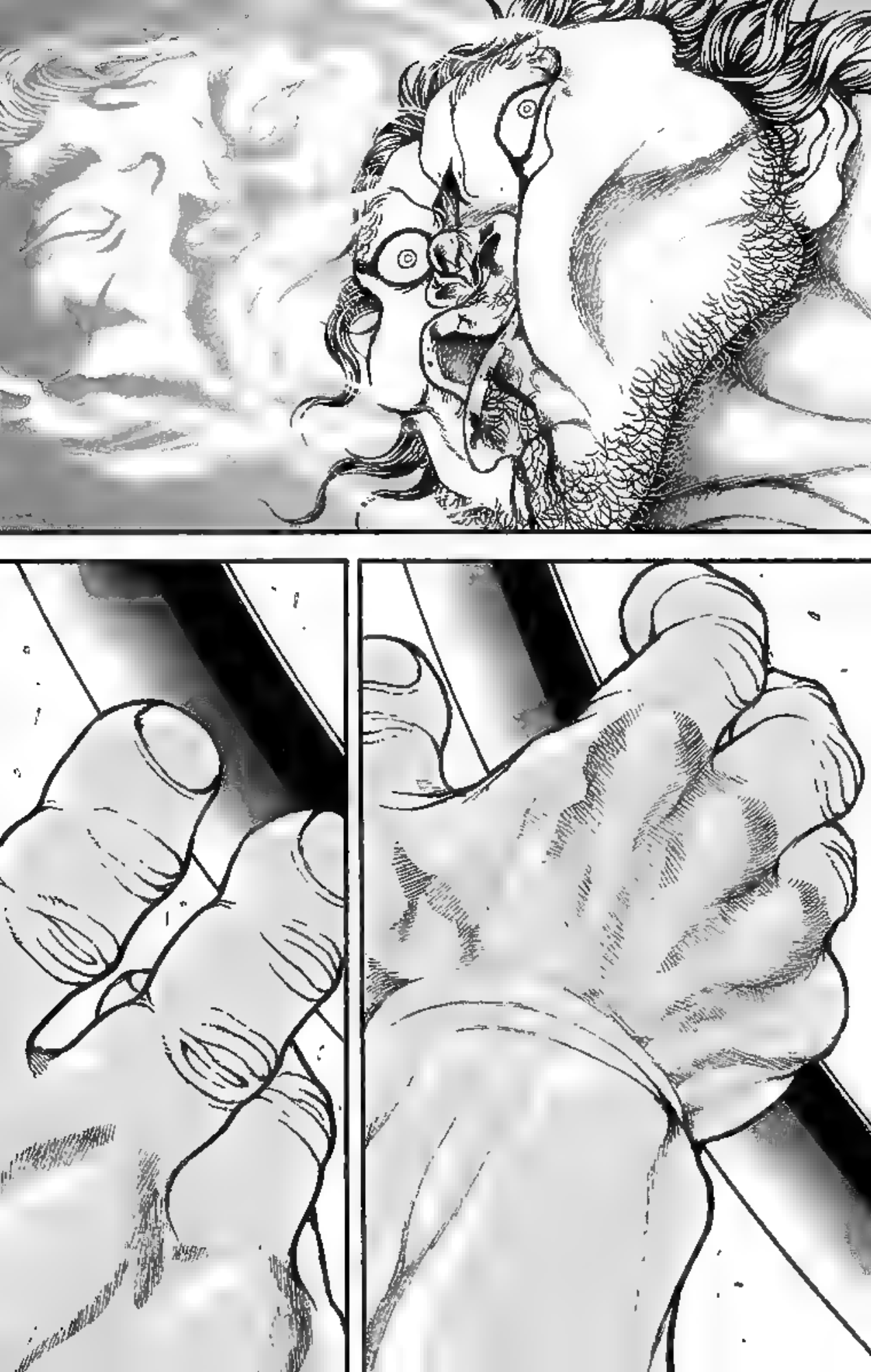


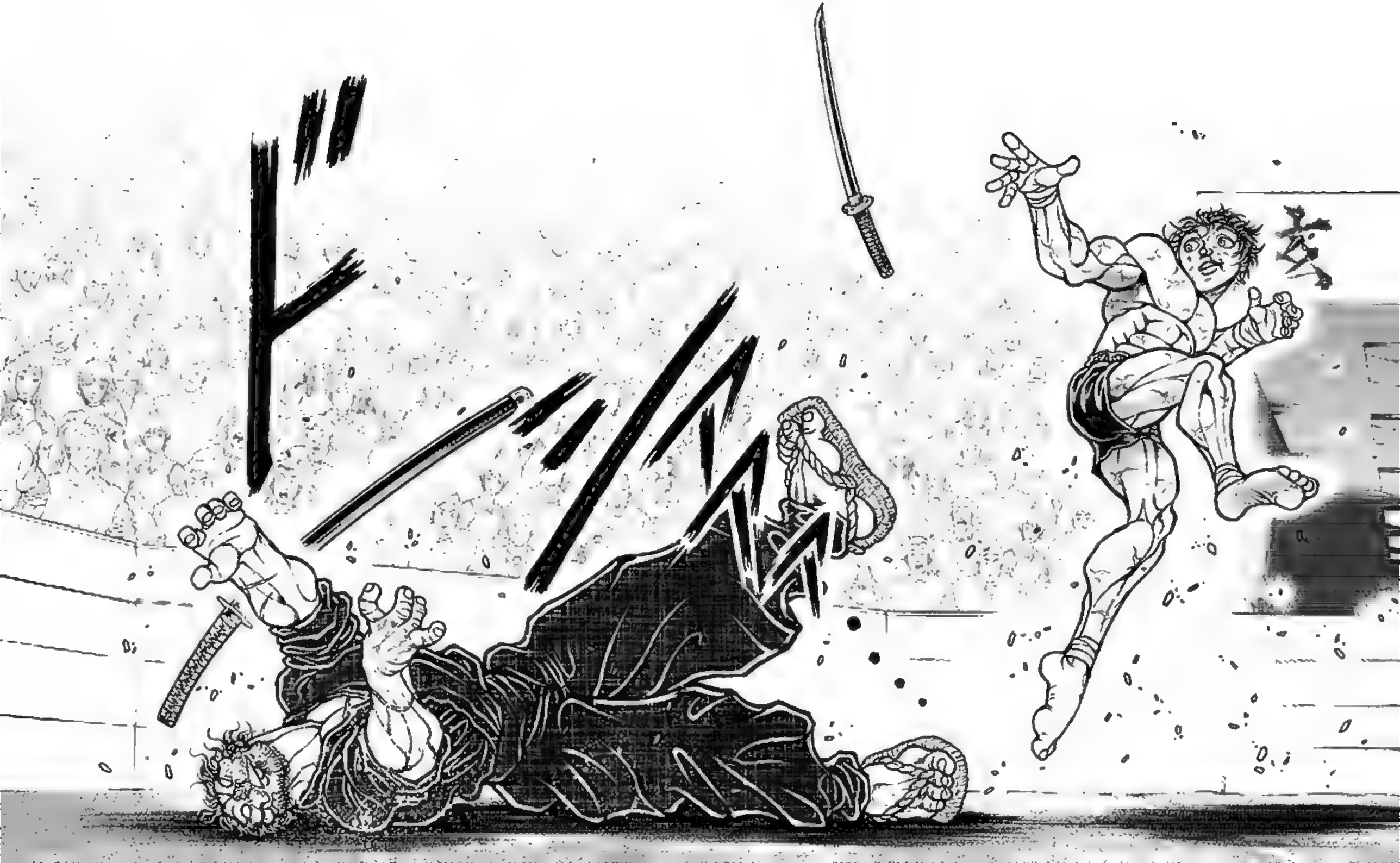
WHOA! HE CAUGHT IT WITH HIS HAND!
THAT... HE DIDN'T CUT HIS HAND!?
NO WAY ...!

MUSASHI-SAN,

I HAD FAITH...

BOTH HANDS ARE OCCU-PIED...!





WEL-
COME
BACK.
♡
ALRIGHT,
LET'S
SEE...
竜

I always loved this chapter
more than most - Jawsh

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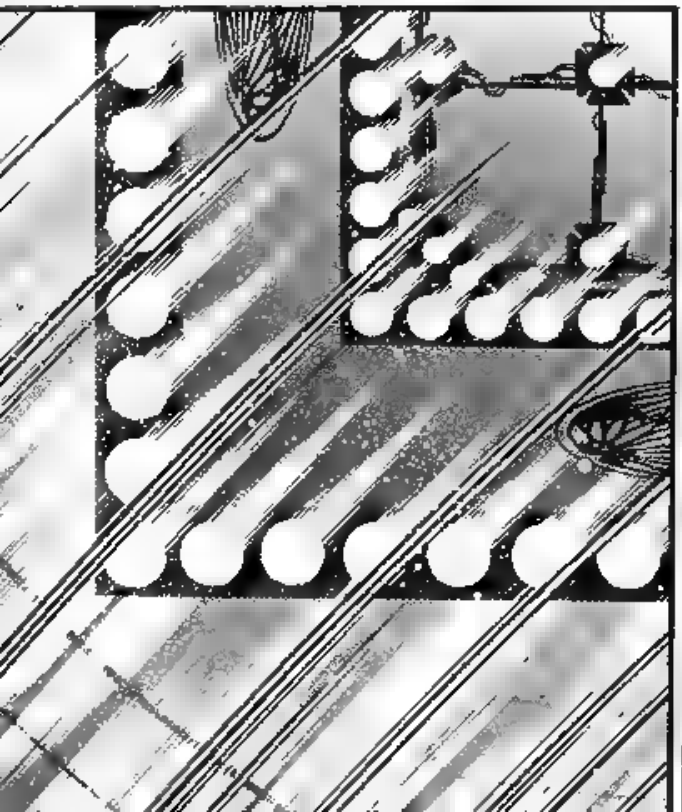
Chapter 191: Power Over Life and Death



WEL-
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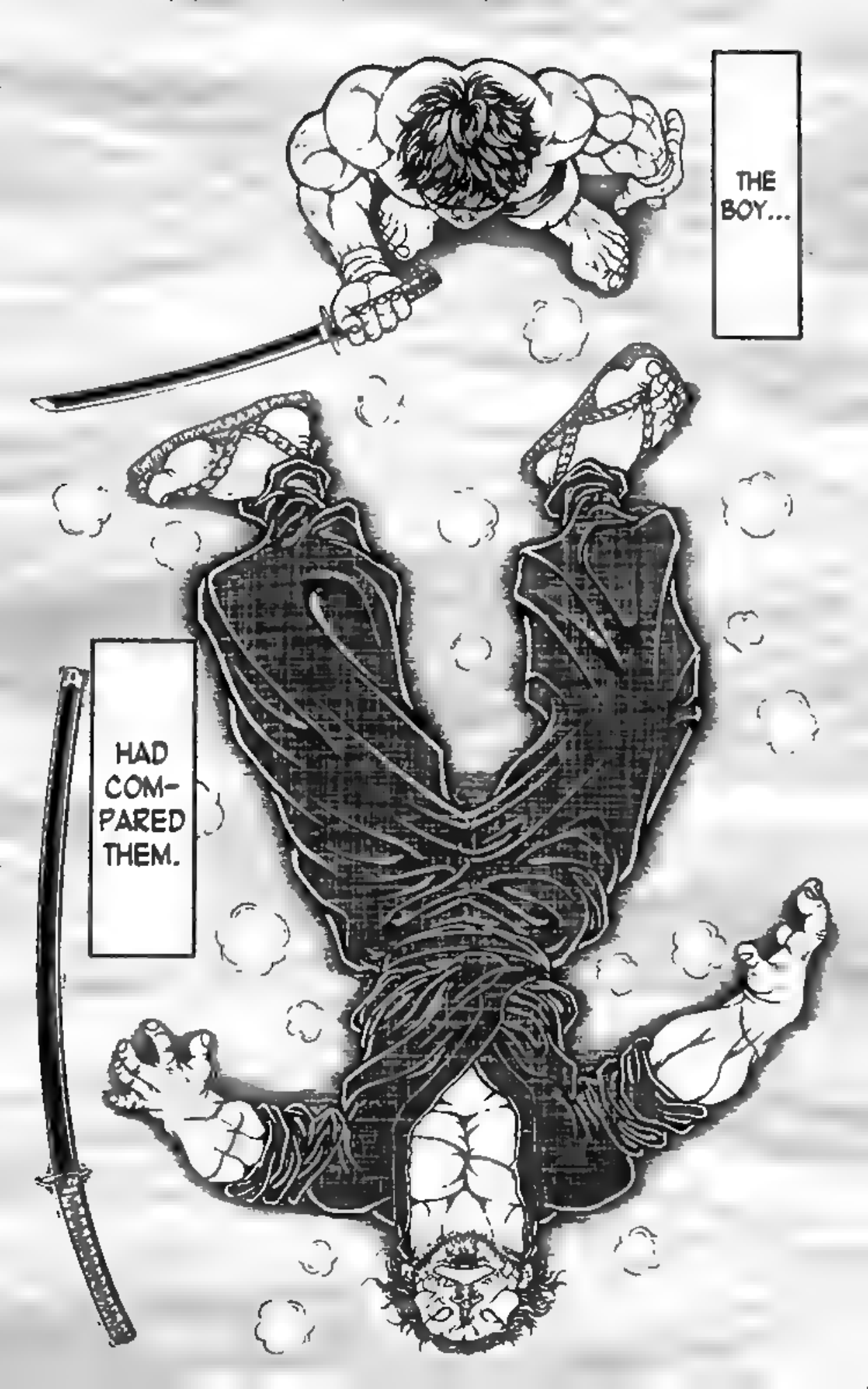
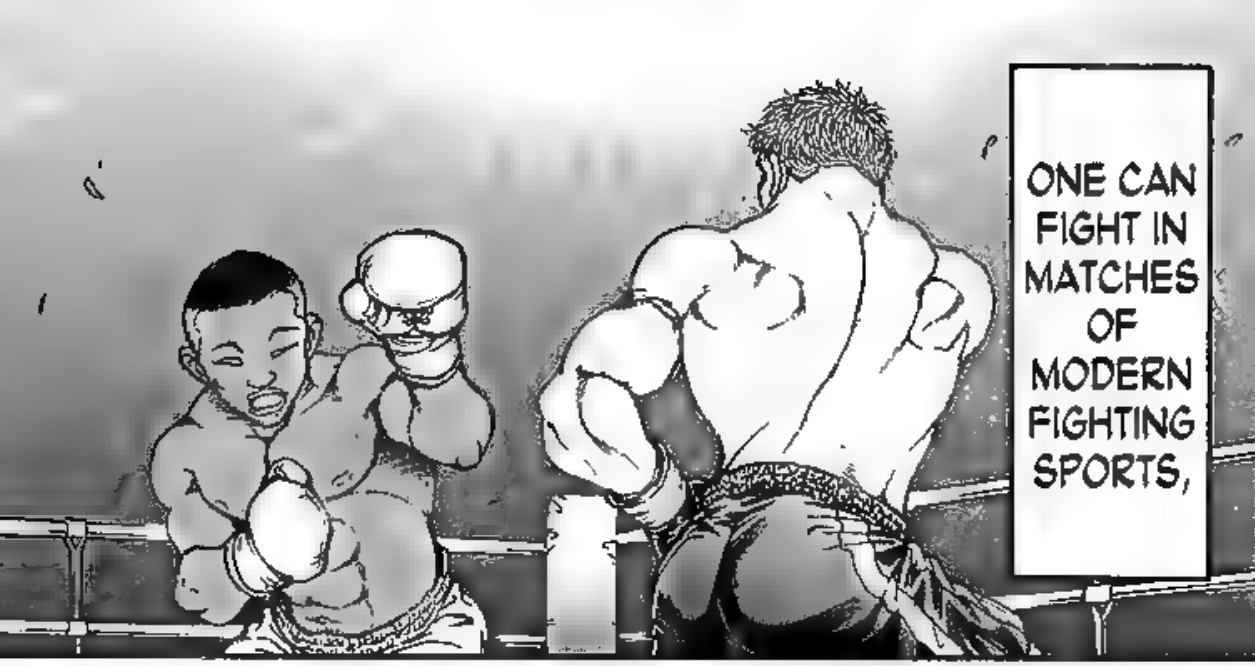
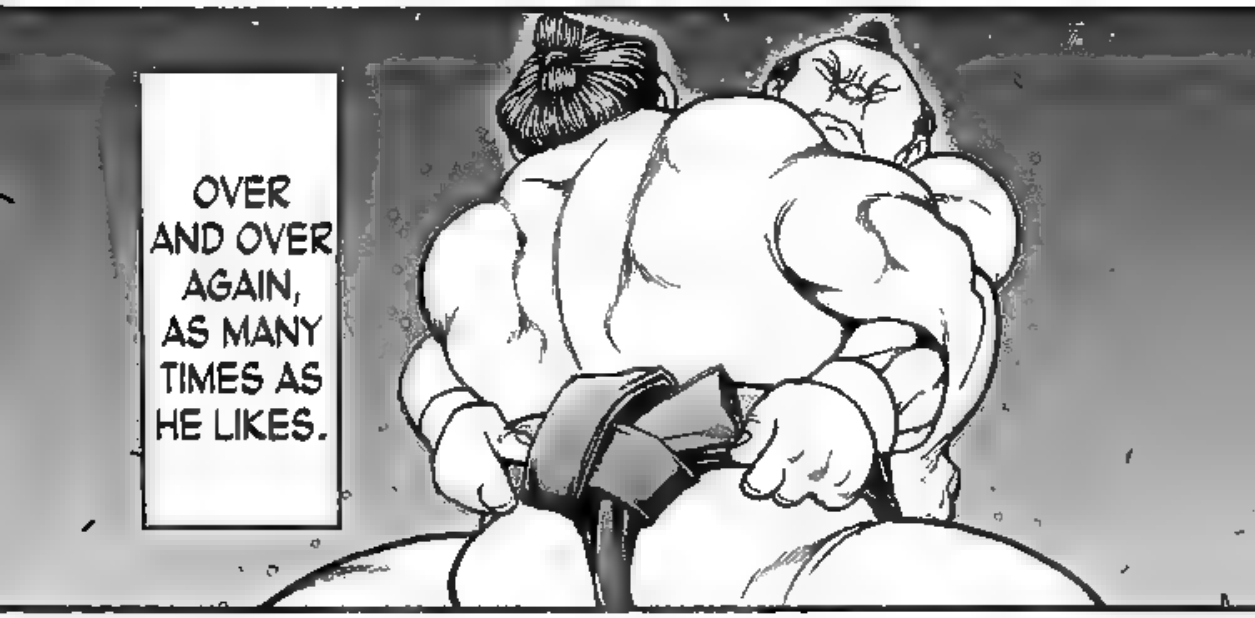
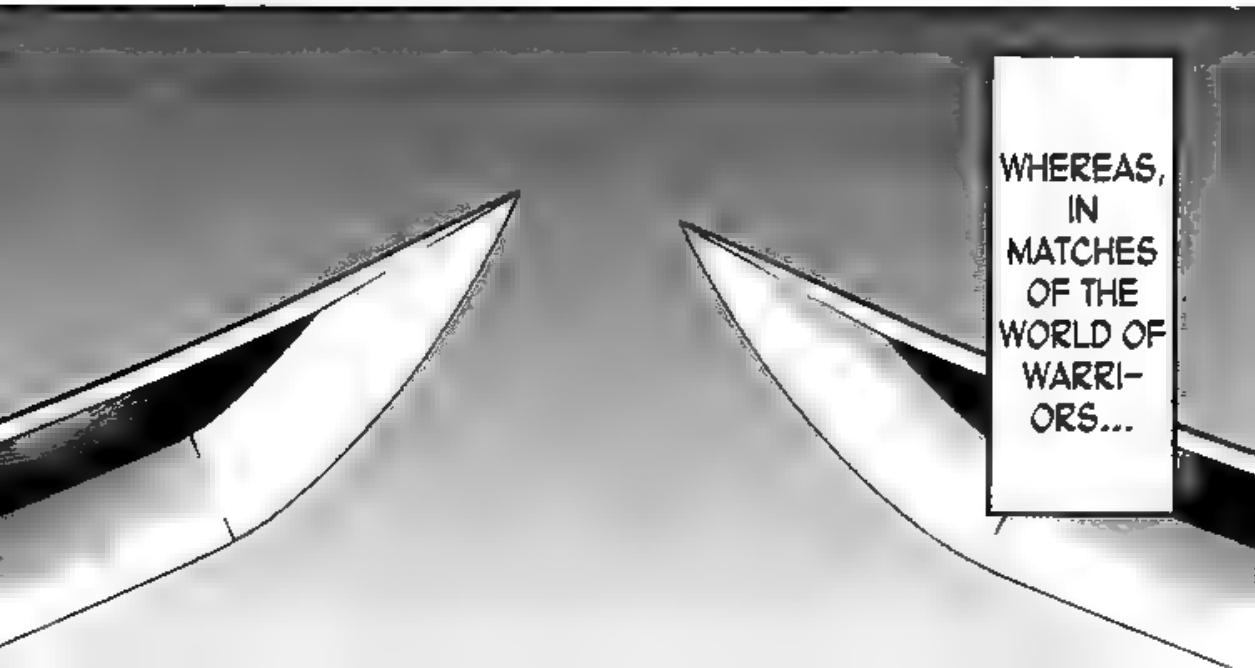
BACK.


THE BOY...
HAD COM-PARED THEM.


ONE CAN FIGHT IN MATCHES OF MODERN FIGHTING SPORTS,


OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AS MANY TIMES AS HE LIKES.

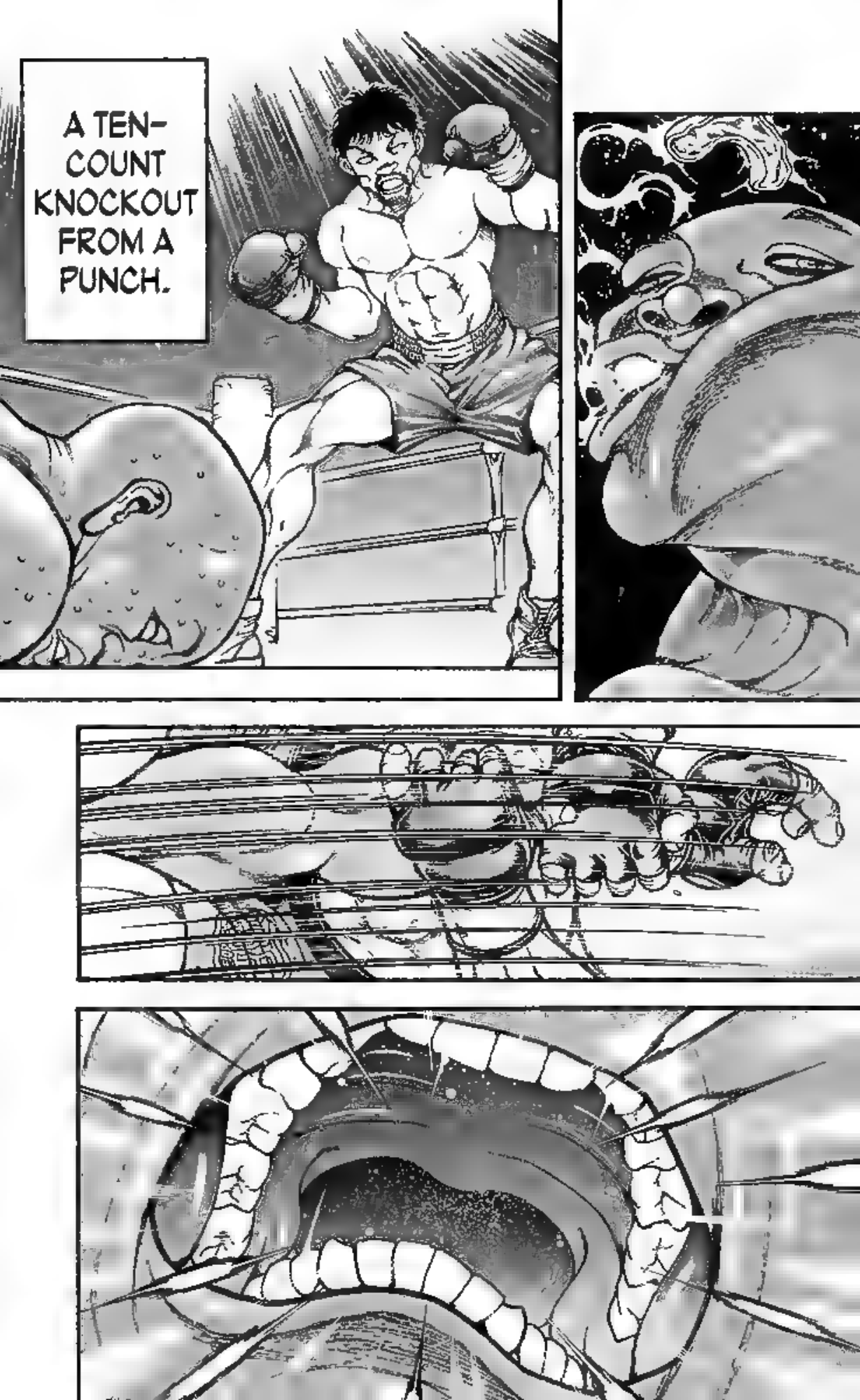

WHEREAS, IN MATCHES OF THE WORLD OF WARRI-ORS...

ONE GAMBLES WITH HIS LIFE.

THERE IS NO ROOM FOR DOUBT.

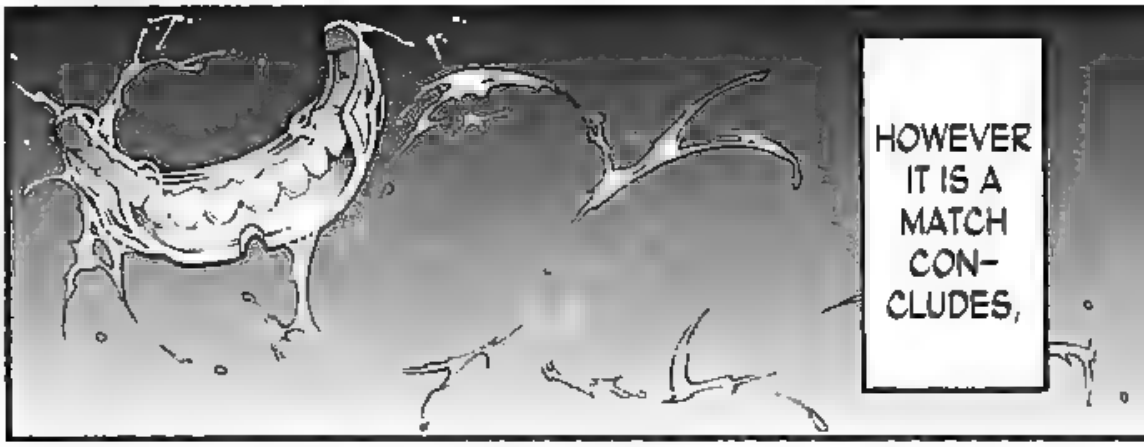
IN TERMS OF HARSHNESS, THERE CAN BE NO COM-PARISON.

MODERN MATCHES CANNOT POSSIBLY RIVAL ONES IN WHICH YOU WAGER YOUR OWN LIFE.
BUT...
SO WHAT!?


A TEN-COUNT KNOCKOUT FROM A PUNCH.

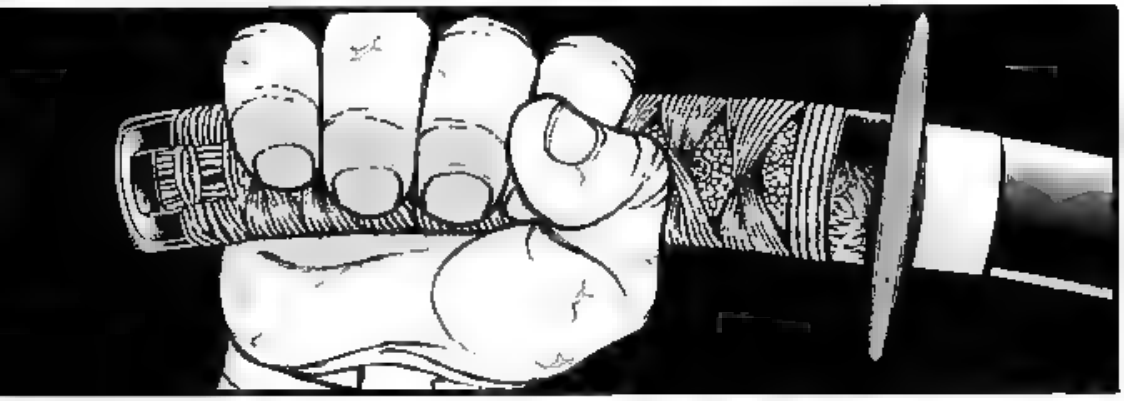
A TAP-OUT FROM A LOCK.
FROM A CHOKE.
PASSING OUT...

YOU SEE IT, DON'T YOU?


HOWEVER IT IS A MATCH CON-CLUDES,

THE VICTOR HAS OBTAINED POWER OVER LIFE AND DEATH.

YOU SEE IT, DON'T YOU?



MODERN FIGHTING CAN KILL AT WILL.
AL-RIGHTY.

AND, KER-STAB!
ビクッ
チク

MUSA-
SHI-
SAN.

WHY DON'T WE WRAP THIS UP HERE?

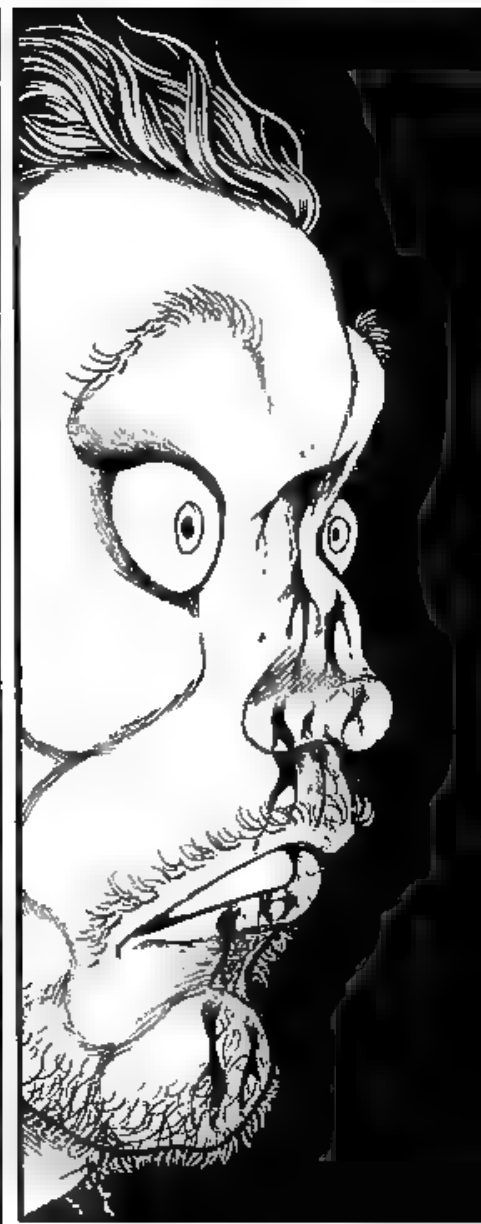
BOTH OF MY HANDS ...
WERE LEFT BY THE SWORD.

THERE IS NOTHING WE HOLD FOR-EVER... HM.
IF YOU'D BEEN HOLDING THEM, I'D HAVE BEEN CUT TO RIBBONS.
TO FIND MYSELF REDUCED TO HEARING HUMBLE DEFER-ENCE.

I'VE GOTTA PUT YOU IN THE GROUND.

ANYWAY, MUSASHI-SAN,

LET'S GET STARTED.



I'm gonna run out of things
to say- Jawsh

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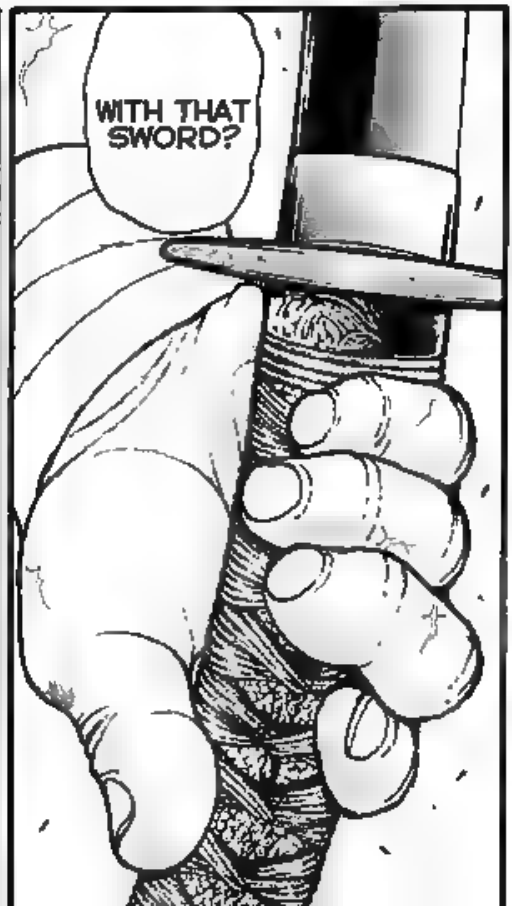
YOU'RE GOING TO BURY ME...?

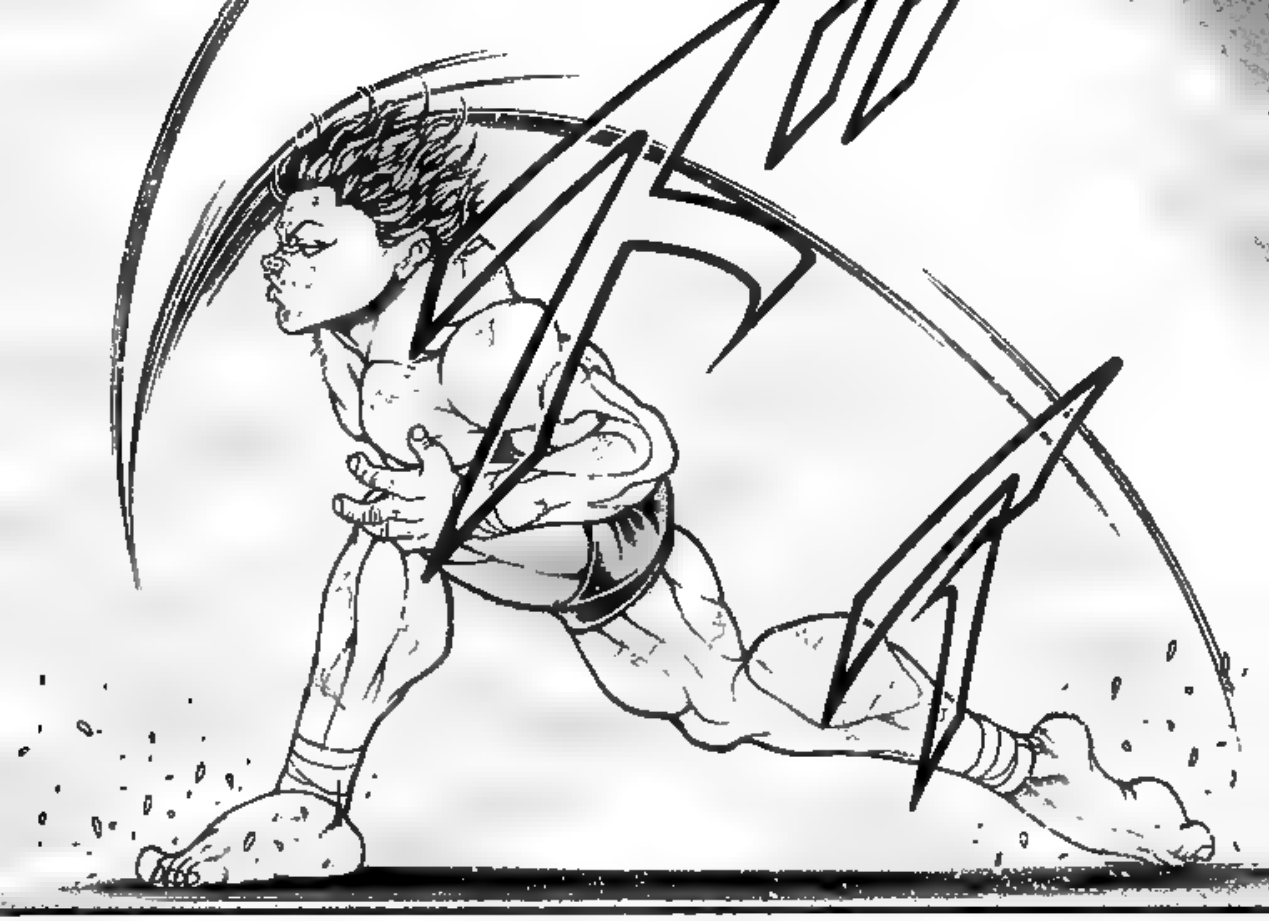
BURY...?

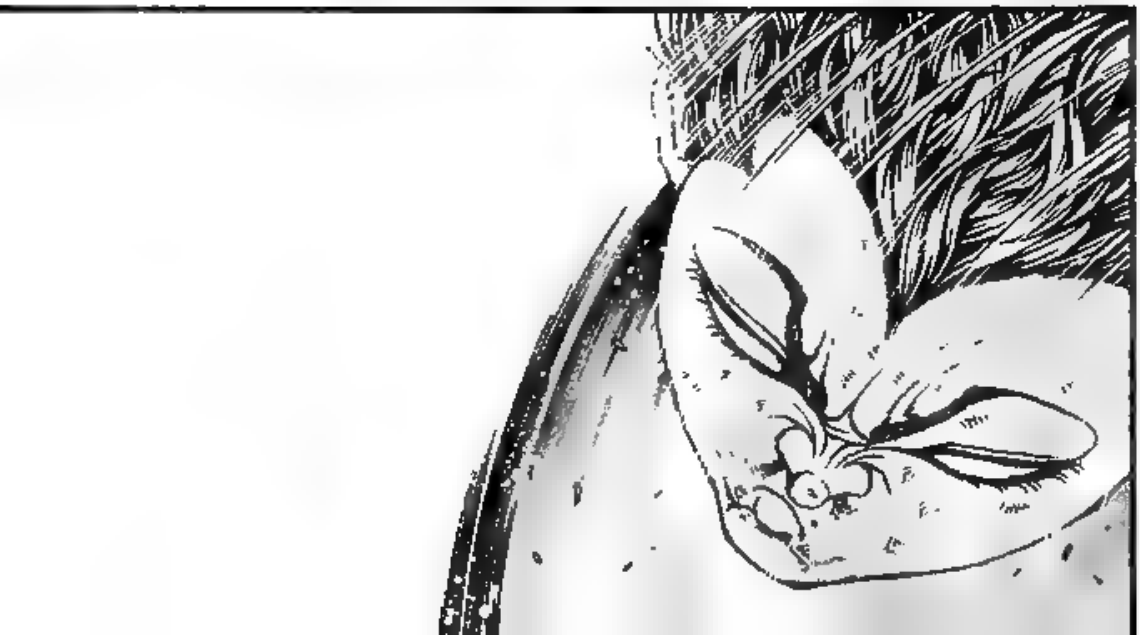
Chapter 192: —第192話 剣の道—The Path of the Sword



DON'T SAY WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SAY.

YOU THINK I CAN'T USE A SWORD, RIGHT...?





OH-HO!

ESSENTIALLY, YOU'VE CAPTURED THE LOGIC OF BLADES.
AMATEUR-ISH, BUT...
THIS SWORD IS STILL SHARP ENOUGH TO CUT.
AMATEUR OR NOT,

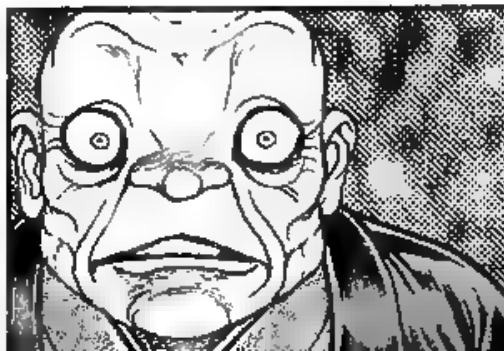
IT CAN BUTCHER YOU.

Gulp

HE WANTS TO CUT HIM DOWN ...!?

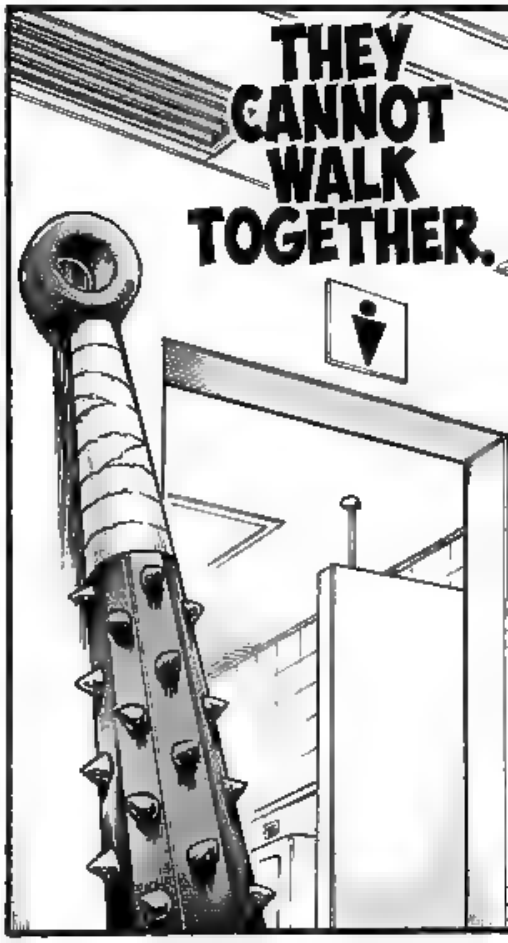
MORE TIMES THAN I CAN COUNT HAVE I SEEN IT.

IS HE SERI-OUS?

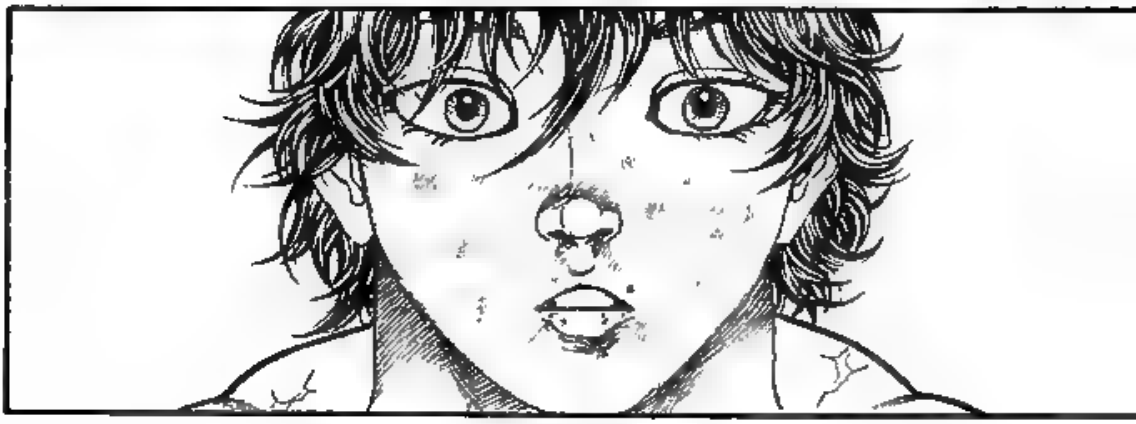


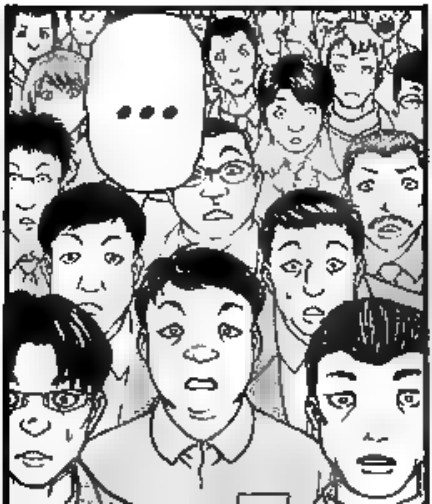
THE SWORD PARTING FROM THE HAND.
"AN ONI WITH A METAL CLUB".
THAT SIMILE COM-FORTS ME.
FOR...

THE ONI AND HIS METAL CLUB ARE SEPARATE.

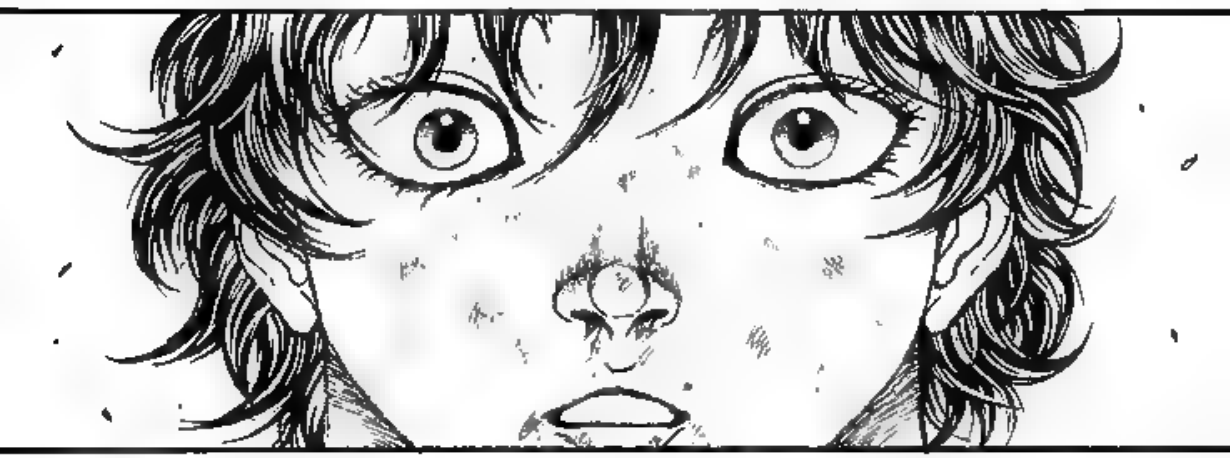


I WANT AN INSEPARABLE SWORD.





THE ABSENT SWORD.



MAKE YOUR LIMBS INTO WEAPONS.

YOU BARE-HANDERS...

AND THE LIMBS...

DO NOT LEAVE YOU.

THE PATH TOWARDS THE ABSENT SWORD.

THEREFORE IS THE PATH OF THE SWORD...

AT ITS END,

ONE NO LONGER KNOWS WHAT MANNER OF TOOL THAT IS.

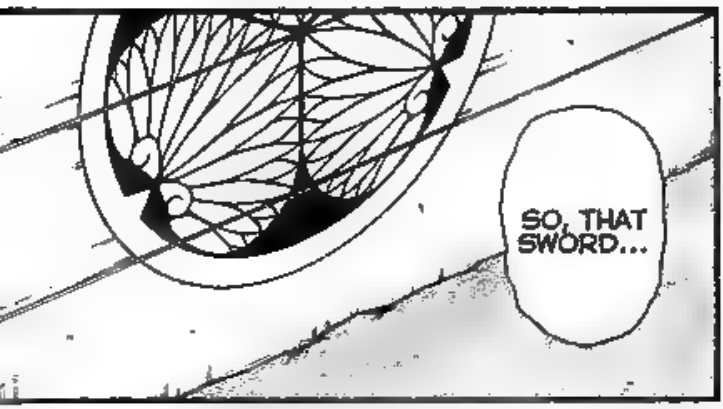
I WILL SET FORTH UPON THIS PATH.

...
UHM..
I... WELL...

YOU LOST ME.

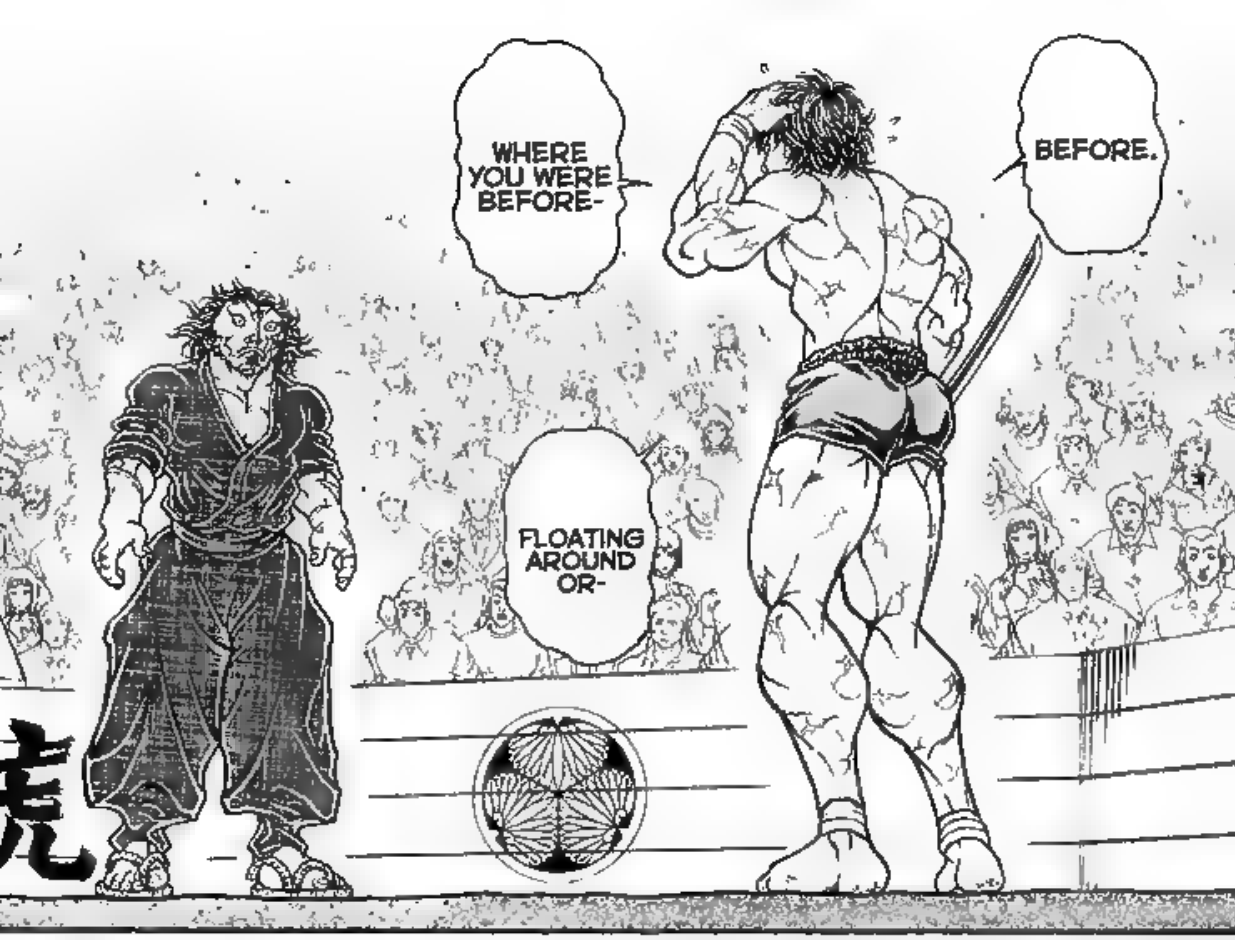
HEH-HEH ...

REALLY SORRY, BUT, I MEAN...
LIKE, ABOUT HALFWAY THROUGH.


SO, THAT SWORD...

"THERE" ...?

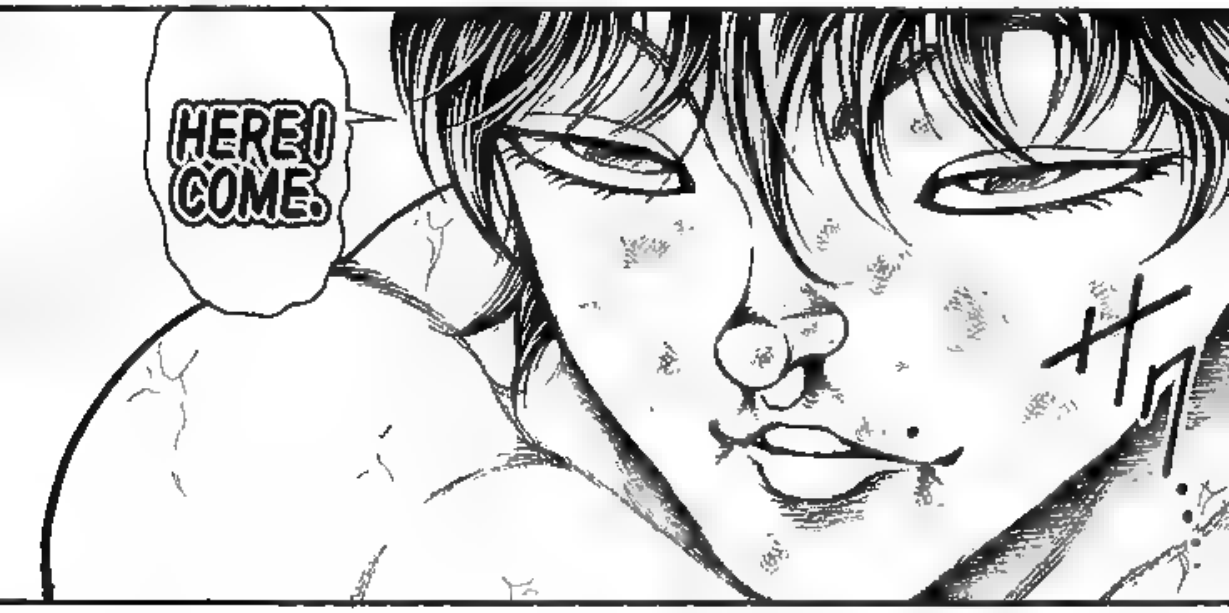
I'M THINKING ABOUT IF YOU COULD GET ONE THERE.


WHERE YOU WERE BEFORE-
BEFORE.
FLOATING AROUND OR-

NOT HERE.

"THERE".

...ANY-WAY,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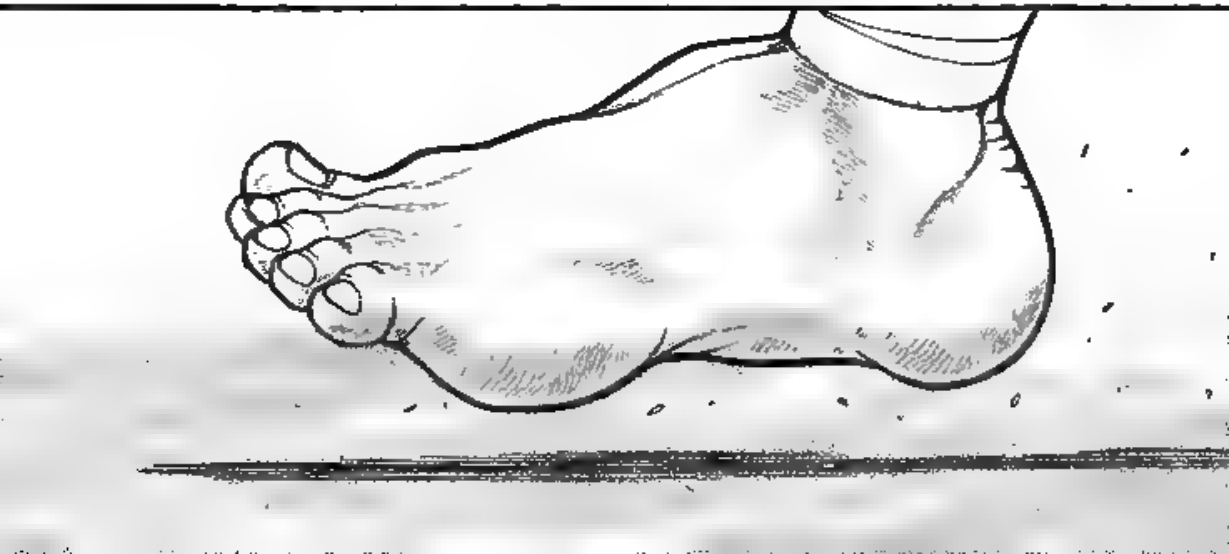

NGH!?

Contrary to popular belief, one's limbs DO go with you - Jawsh

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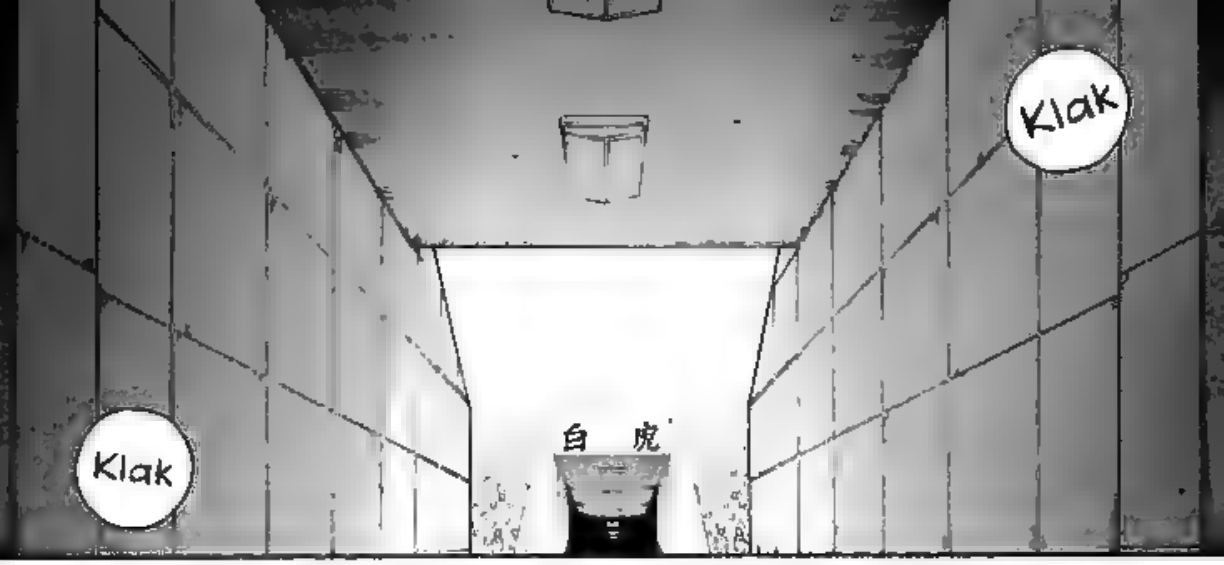
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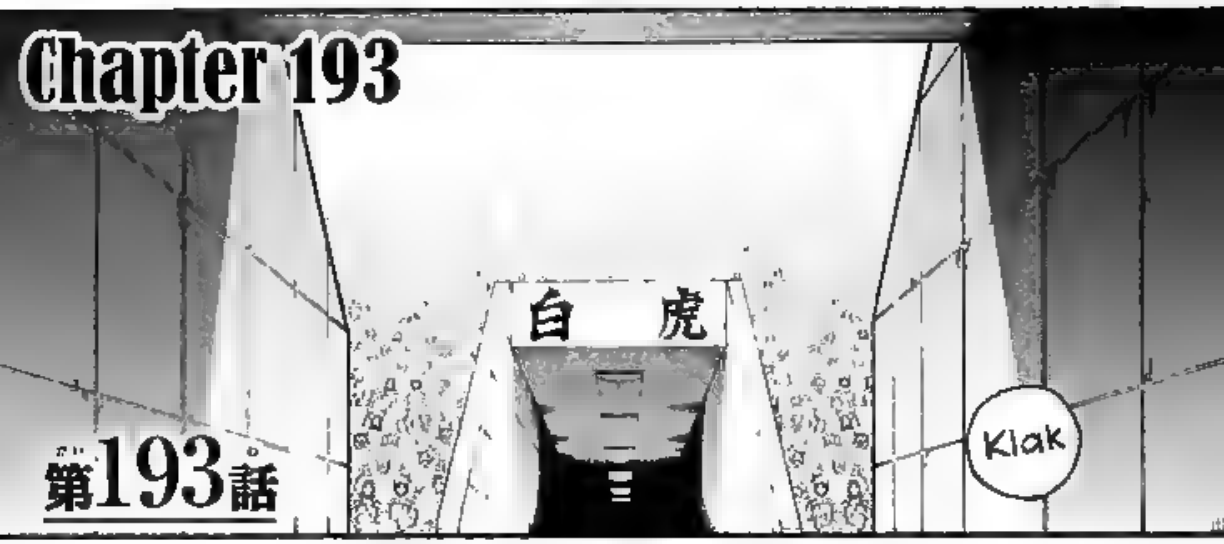
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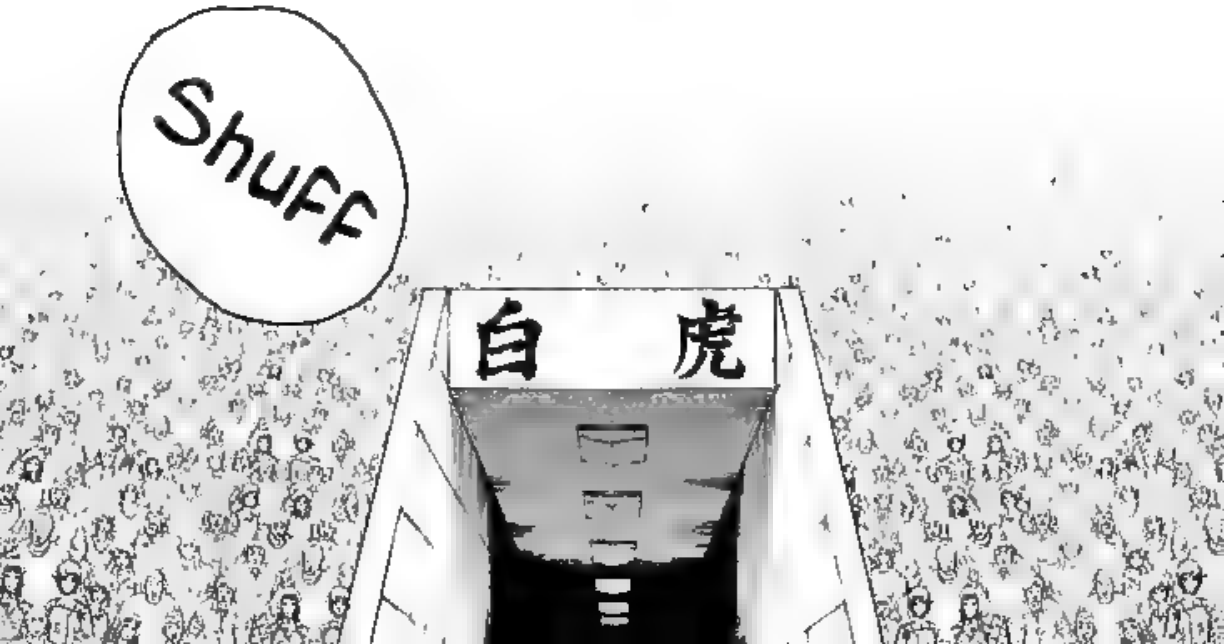
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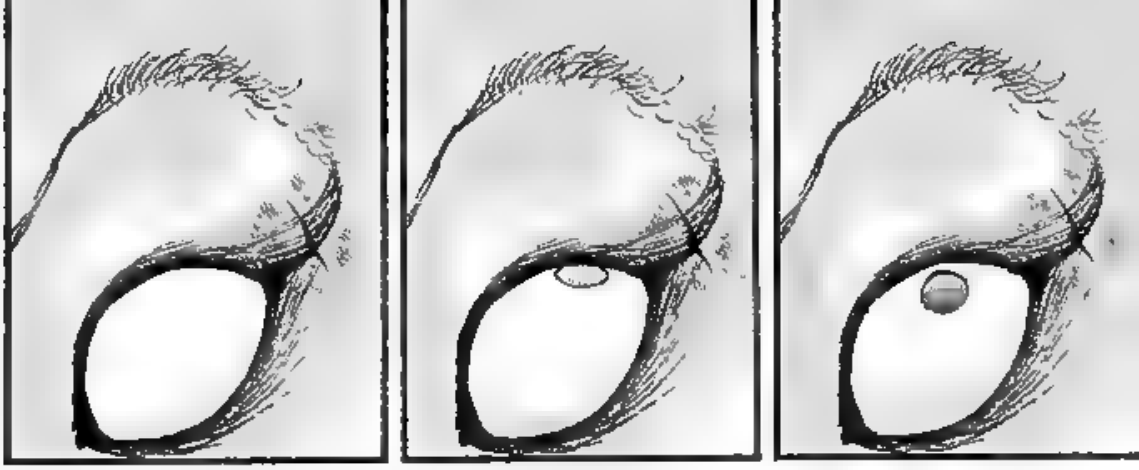
YOU ALWAYS CATCH IT.
THIS WAS SO EASY.
Shuff



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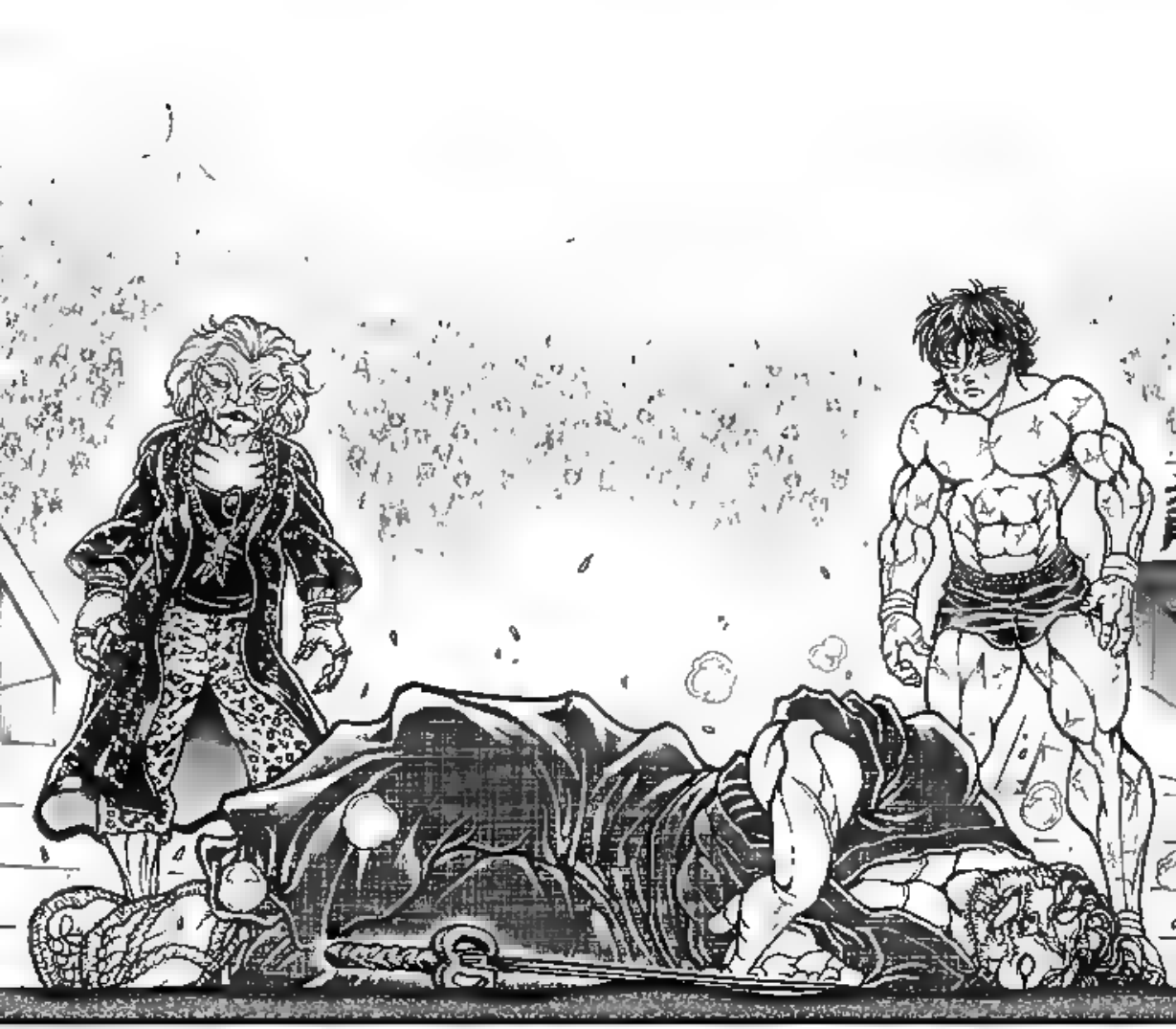

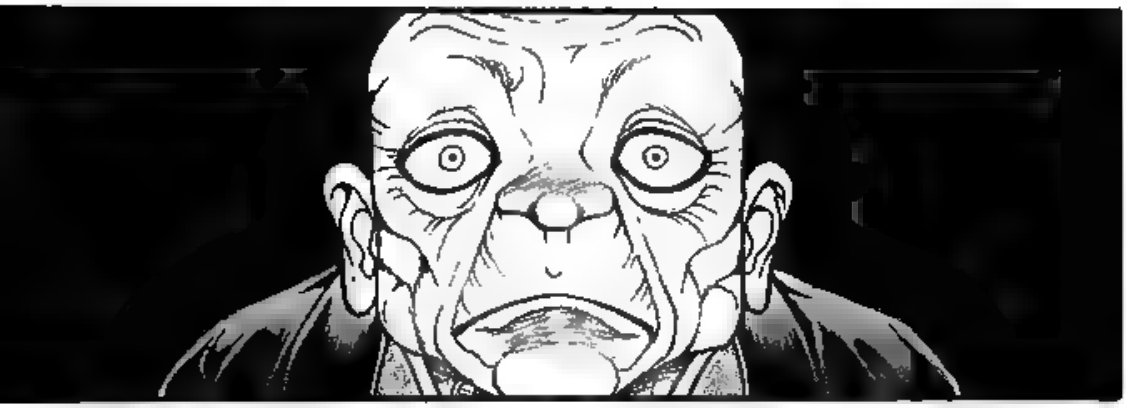

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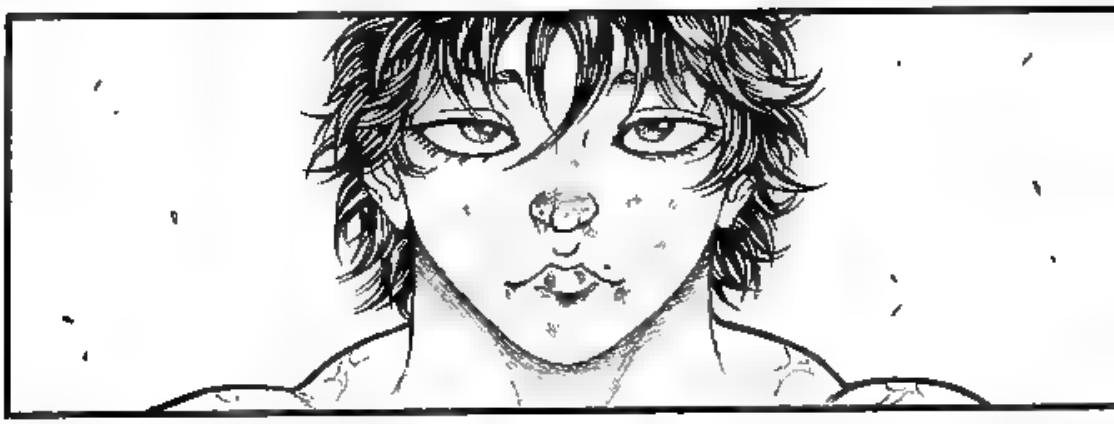
WHO...?



HUH!?

WHO IS THAT?

...

AN OLD WOMAN ...?

南無大悲
中殺者達

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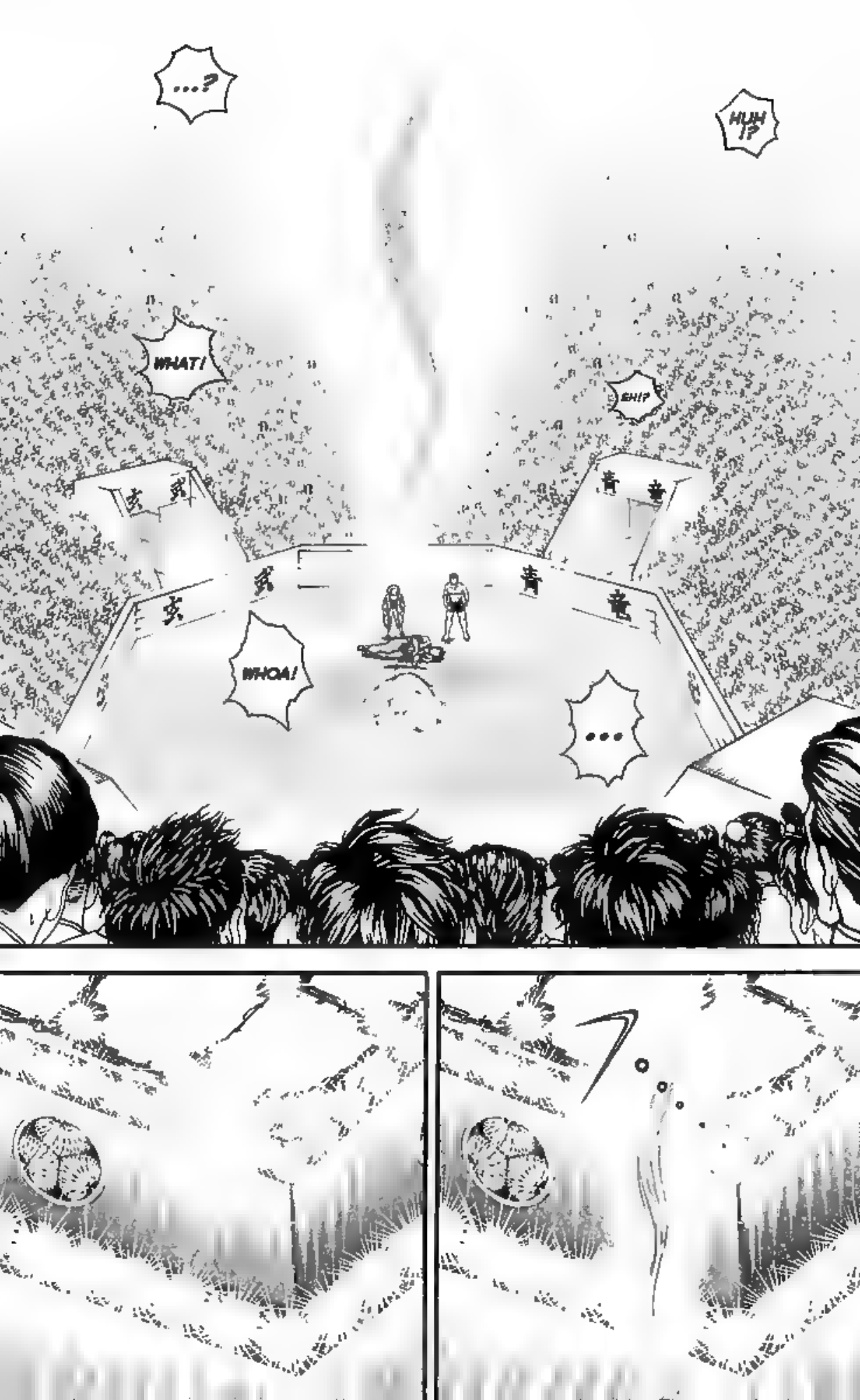
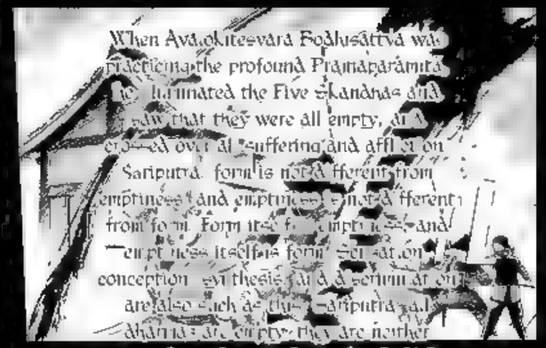
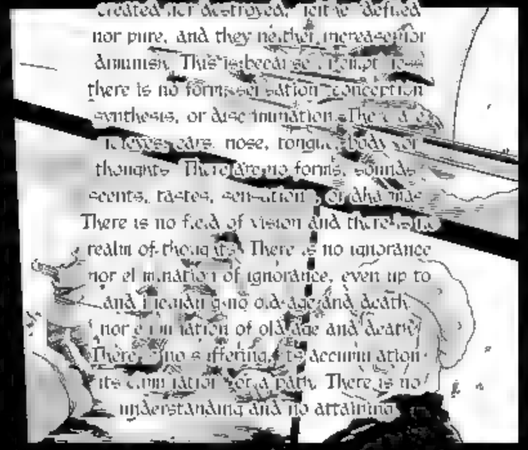
PFF!


...?
HUH!?
WHAT!
EH!?
WHOA!
...

Buddhist nonsense should stay untranslated.
I wish Chaos believed this. - Jawsh





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ASSISTANT COMMIS-S.ONER HINO TOYO-KAZU

AND NOT "HE LOST"!?
YOU'RE SURE IT'S "HE'S DEAD",

THAT'S THE INFORMATION WE'VE RECEIVED FROM THE INFILTRATING MEMBERS.

HE'S DEAD!?

LEFT HIS BODY.

THE REPORT WAS THAT... CERTAIN EVENTS TOOK PLACE AND... MUSASHI'S SOUL...

SUPER-INTEN-DENT MABU-CHI NAO

LOOK,

THERE ARE A THOUSAND MEN HERE.
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?
WELL...

SABUKO-SAN.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TROUBLE.

WE WERE SHORT-SIGHTED.
THOUGH THE APPRO-PRIATE TIME TO SAY THIS HAS PASSED...
WHEN I 'CONJURED' MIYAMOTO MUSASHI...
WHEN IT BECAME REAL...

WHAT WOULD INEVITABLY HAPPEN. WHAT WOULD ABSOLUTELY NEVER HAPPEN.
WE HAD A GENERAL IDEA OF ALL OF IT.
YET, WE DID NOT STOP.

WHAT HAPPENS ...

IF YOU LET LOOSE A VICIOUS MONSTER IN A CITY?

WE KNEW SOMETHING OF THE ANSWER ALREADY, BUT WE COULD NOT PUT ASIDE OUR CURIOSITY.
NOR COULD THIS SCREW-UP.
I COULD NOT MYSELF,

IS WORTHY OF PUNISH-MENT BY ONE THOUSAND DEATHS...

WHAT WE HAVE DONE...

THE TRUTH IS,

ALL OF US HAD EXPECTATIONS FOR HIM.
DESPITE BEING AFRAID,
ALL OF US INVITED HIM UPON OURSELVES.
AND, OF COURSE,

EVERY ONE OF US HAD TO CONFIRM FOR OUR-SELVES...

POWER.

HIS SWORDS ...

ITS SHARP-NESS.

AND...
HIS INHUMAN BRU-TALITY.

WE COM-MITTED THE SAME CRIME.

WE OF THIS NATION BEHAVED LIKE OUR-SELVES,

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AND MUSASHI-SAN BEHAVED LIKE HIMSELF. NOTHING MORE.

EVERY-ONE.

THIS IS NOT A BURIAL.

THIS IS THE DEPARTURE OF THE STRONGEST SWORDS-MAN. OF A GREAT AND PRECIOUS ELDER.

武

BUT STAND TALL.

DO NOT CLASP YOUR HANDS IN PRAYER.

I ASK YOU TO STAND AT ATTEN-TION.
AS WE BID FAREWELL TO A SOLDIER.

東京消防庁

This chapter's kinda sad.
If you enjoy Musashi Dou, that is. - Jawsh

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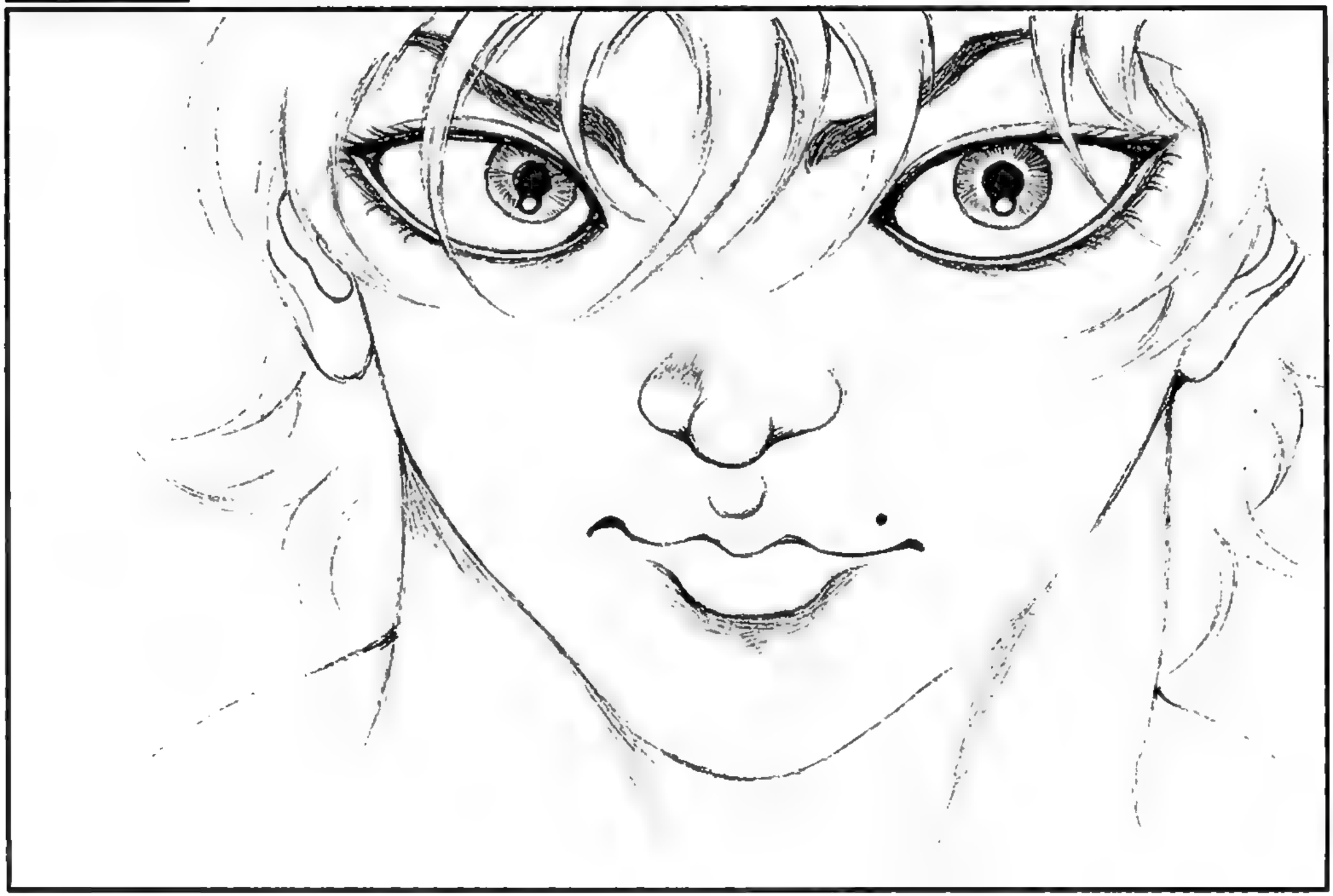
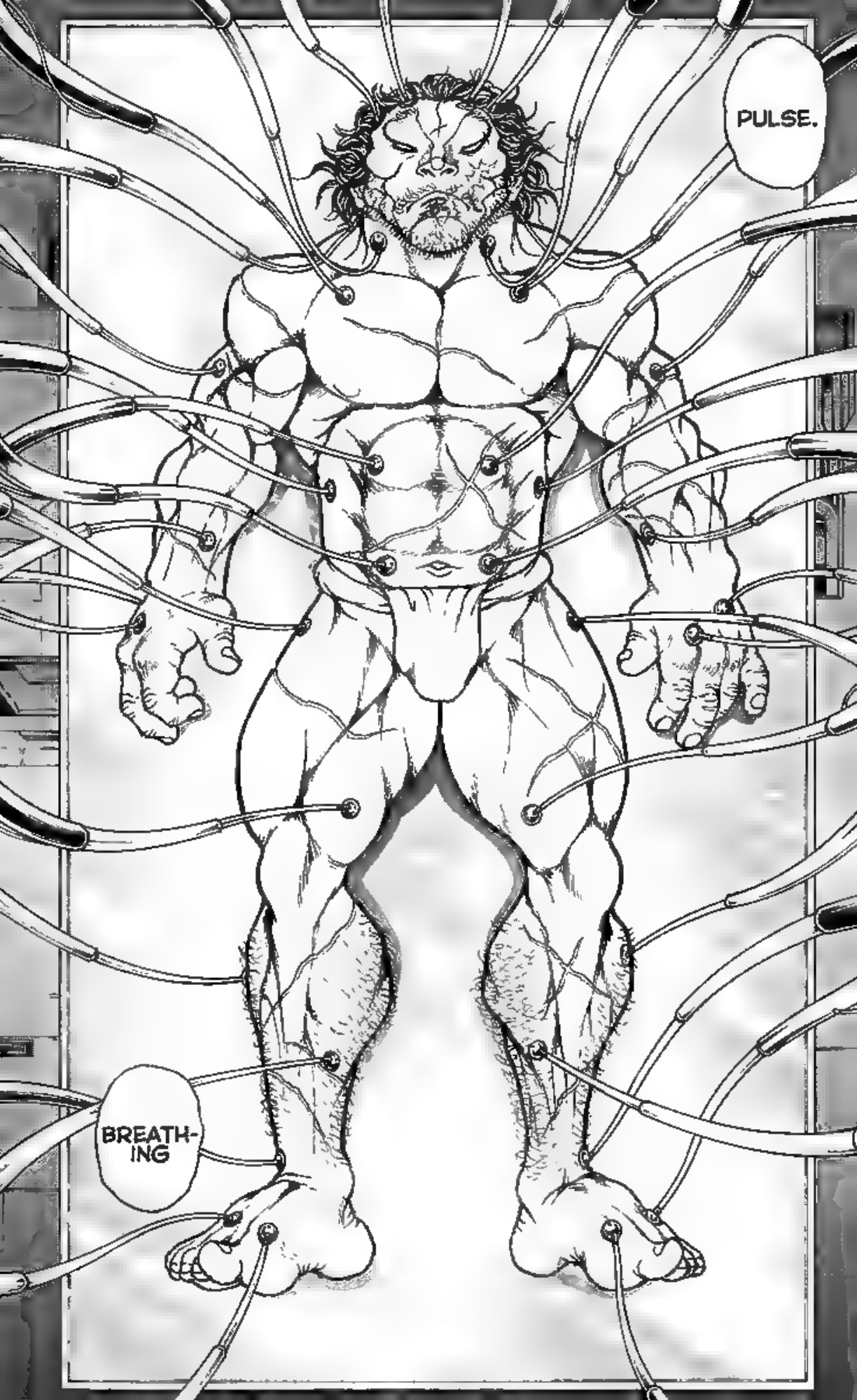
Chapter 195: Crimes

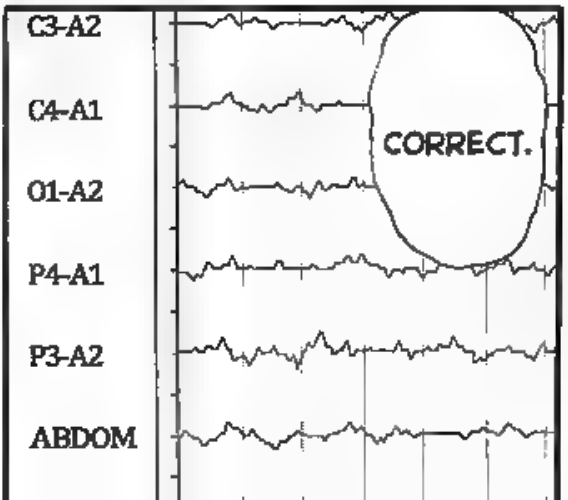



PULSE.
BREATH-
ING

BLOOD PRESS-URE.
BODY TEMPER-ATURE.
ALL NORMAL VALUES.

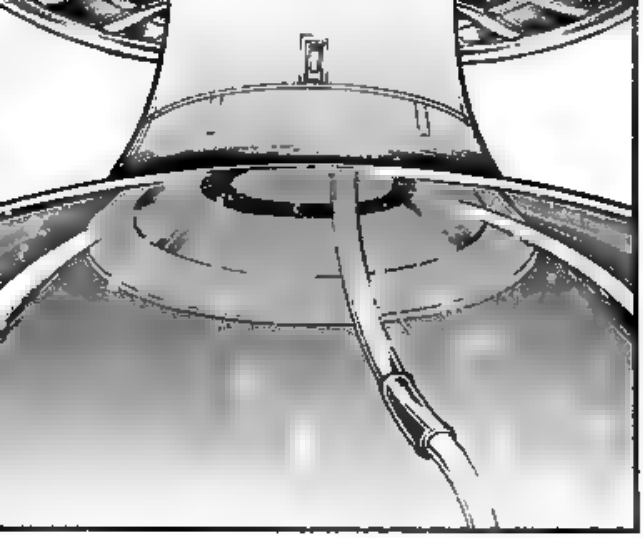
AND, AS YOU CAN SEE...
TEAM LEADER, NONO-MURA HITOSHI
PALEON-TOLOGIST, JOHN HOHNER

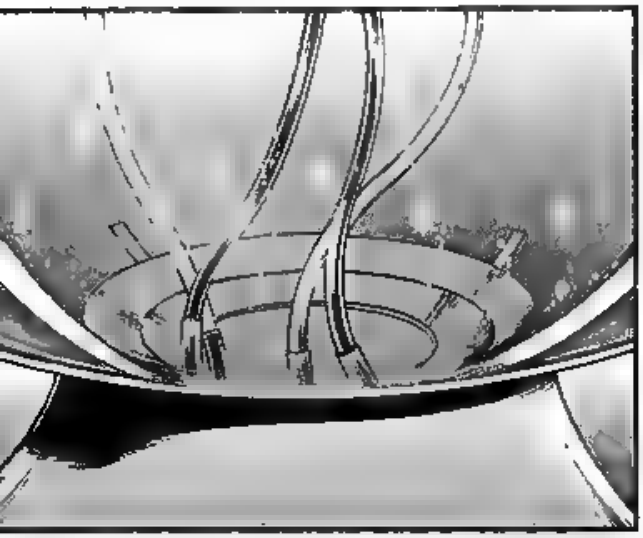
THERE ARE NO BRAIN WAVES.

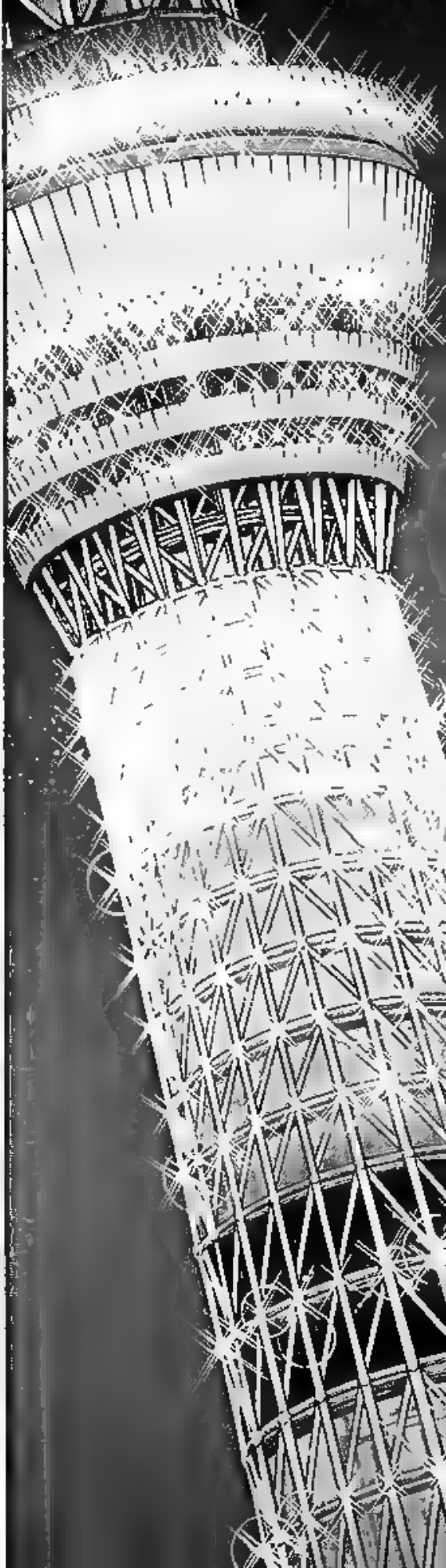


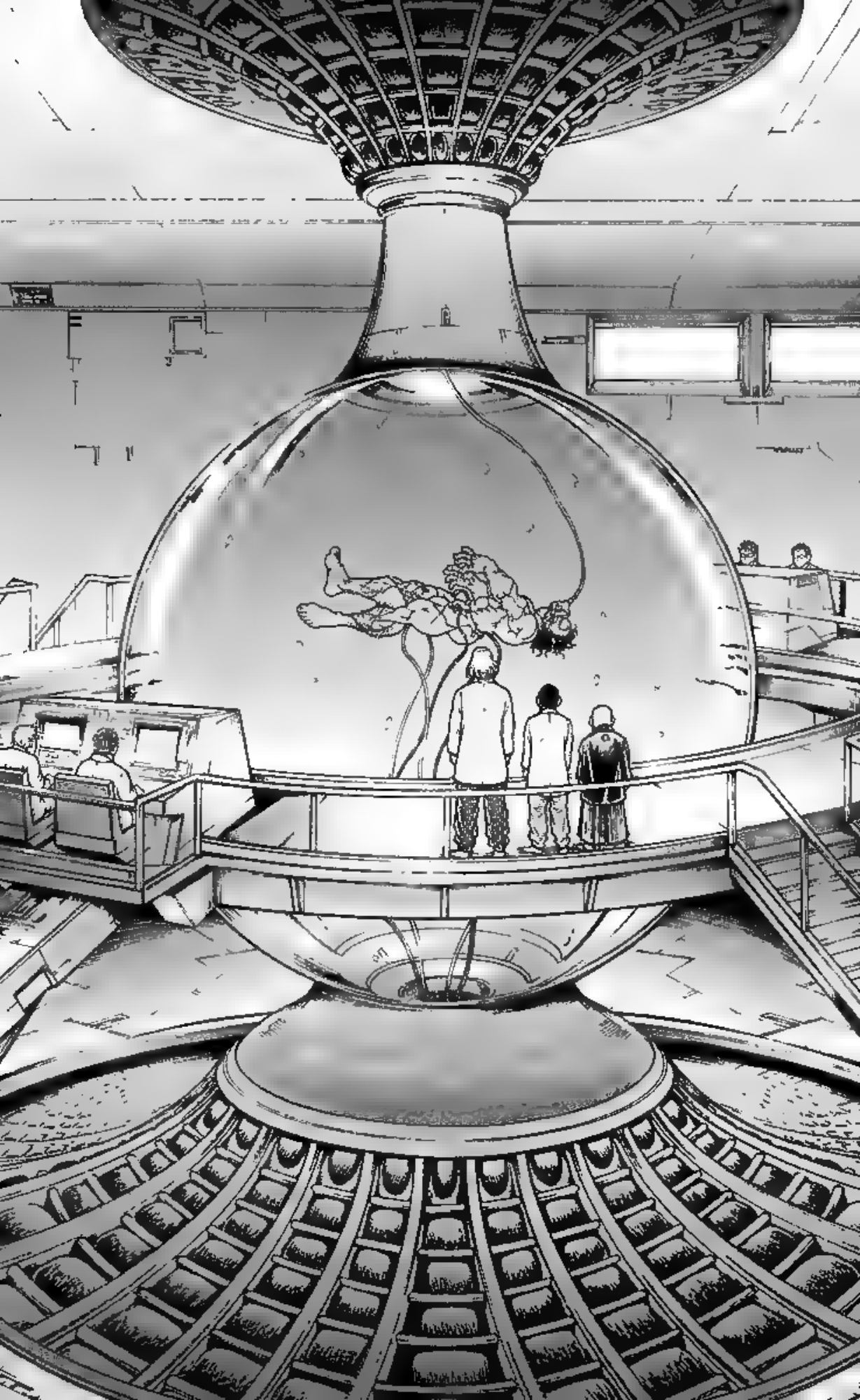
TO THAT 'TIME'.

HE HAS GONE BACK...







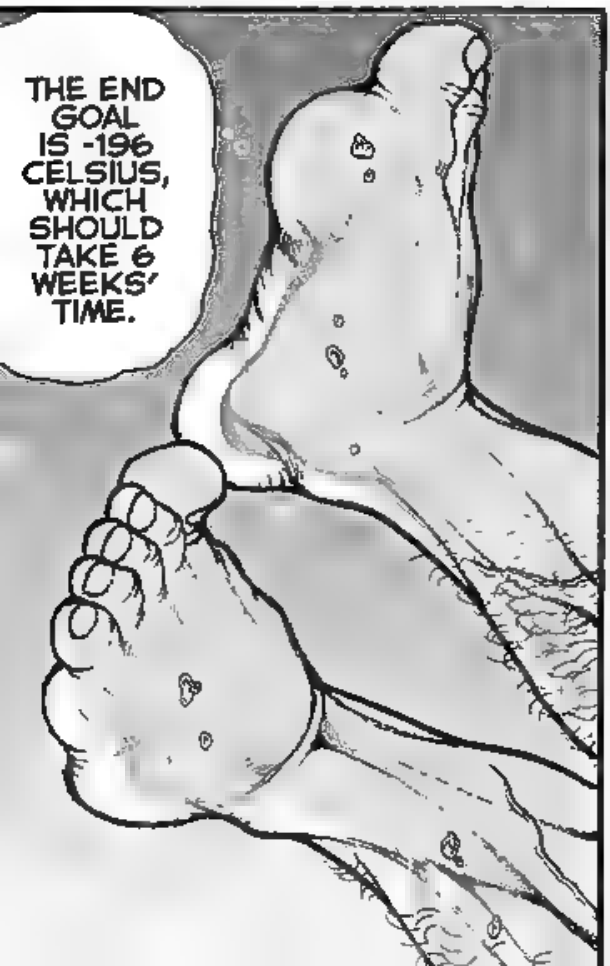


LIQUID NITROGEN.
WHAT IS THAT FLUID?

WELL...

ISN'T THAT MINUS A HUNDRED... SOME DEGREES ...?

AFTER THIS, WE'RE GOING TO...
AT THE MOMENT, IT'S BEING KEPT AROUND ZERO CELSIUS.


THE END GOAL IS -196 CELSIUS, WHICH SHOULD TAKE 6 WEEKS' TIME.

GRADUALLY LOWER THE TEMPER-ATURE, BY 0.5 CELSIUS EVERY 6 HOURS.

WHEN HE FREEZES, WON'T HIS CELLS BE DE-STROYED?

WE'RE USING EXTREMELY SLOW CRYO-PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES.

WHILE THE RE-SEARCH ON THIS IS STILL UNPUB-LISHED ...

IT INVOLVES THE TUBE FROM HIS MOUTH.

WAS CONQUERED BY OUR TEAM, TWO YEARS AGO.

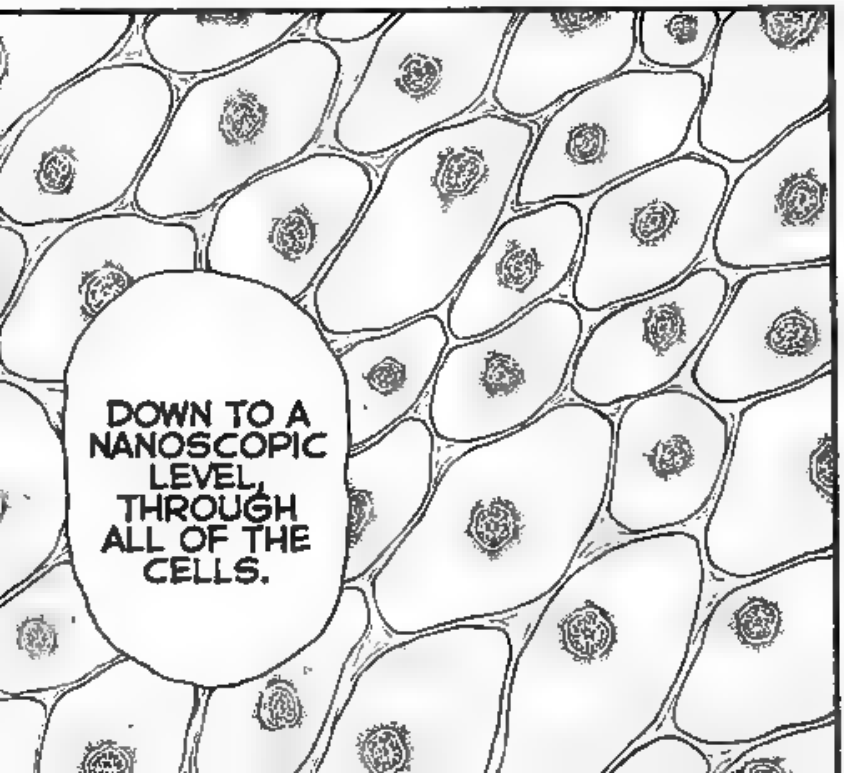
THAT PROBLEM ...

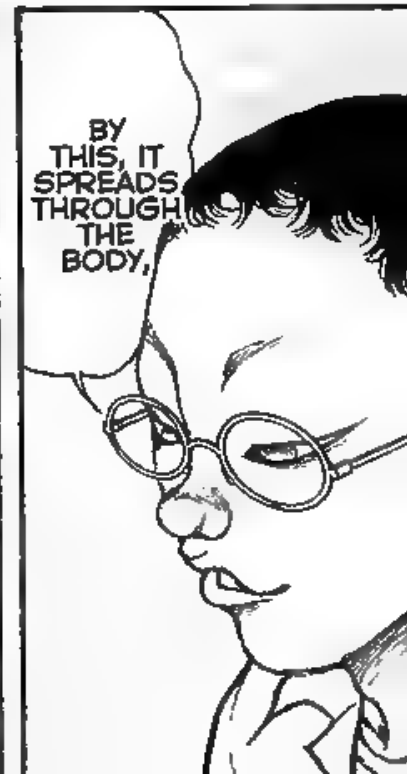
OUR TEAM HAS CREATED A NEW MEDICINE.
EACH MINUTE, 0.9 MILLI-GRAMS OF IT...
ARE SLOWLY ...
SLOWLY ...
SWAL-LOWED.

BY STANDARD DIGESTIVE PROCEDURE,

20 LITRES-

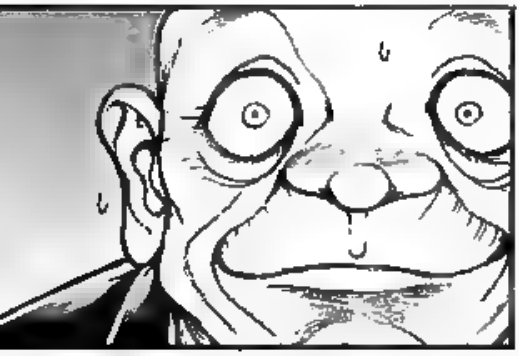
20,000 MILLILITRES- ARE TO BE DIGESTED OVER A 15-DAY PERIOD.



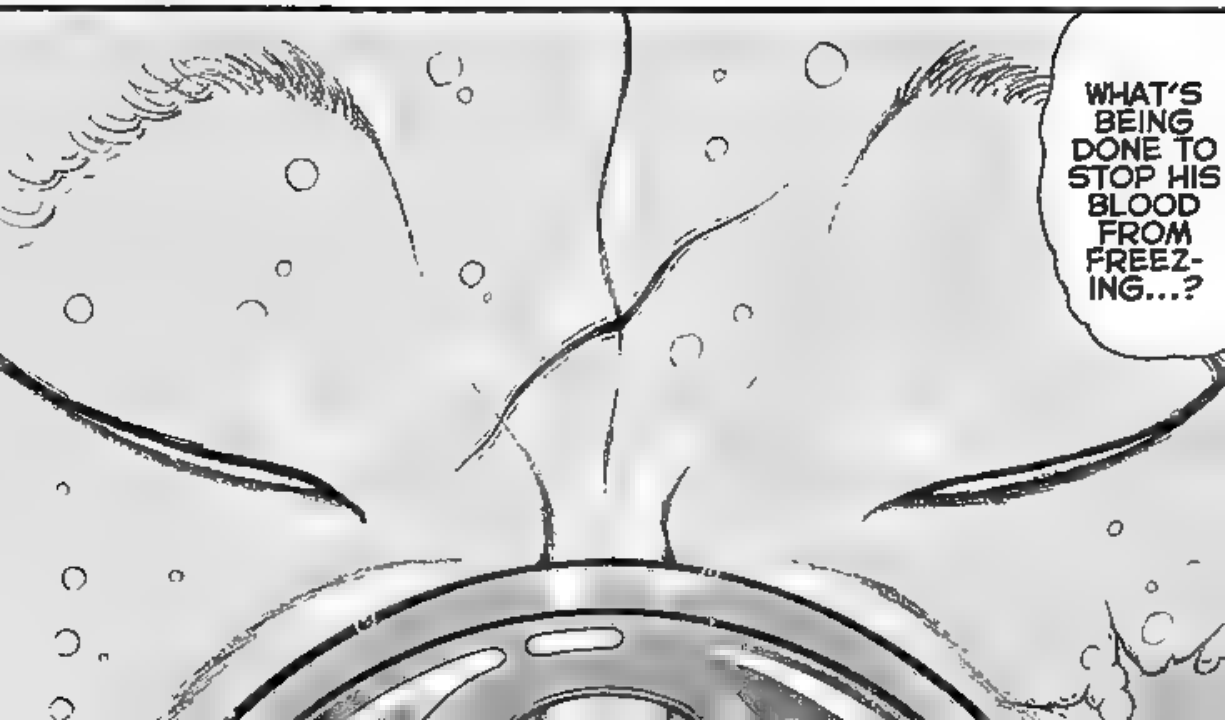


AND THE NONFREEZING PRESERVATION FLUID FILLS HIS BODY.

IT'S A LIQUID THAT WON'T DESTROY THE CELLS...
IN PLAIN TERMS,



OUR TEAM'S WORK IS NEVER COM-PLETE.


WHAT'S BEING DONE TO STOP HIS BLOOD FROM FREEZ-ING...?

ARE JOINED TO HIS AORTA AND VENA CAVA,
THE TUBES ATTACHED TO HIS FEMORA...
IN 77 HOURS- BY THE START OF THE WEEK, THE FREEZE PREVEN-TION...
AND CIRCULA-TION IS OCCURRING WITHOUT COMPLICA-TION.
SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT THROUGH-OUT ALL OF HIS VEINS.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, ALL OF YOU.
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, NONOMURA-KUN.

IN THE MODERN WORLD, CHARGE MIYAMOTO MUSASHI WITH COMMIT-TING CRIMES?
COULD WE,
BEFORE YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS LIKE THAT,
AN ARTIFACT THIS VALUABLE!
YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO KEEP HIM AROUND!

MUSASHI IS STAYING!!!

I got too used to small amounts of text. - Jawsh

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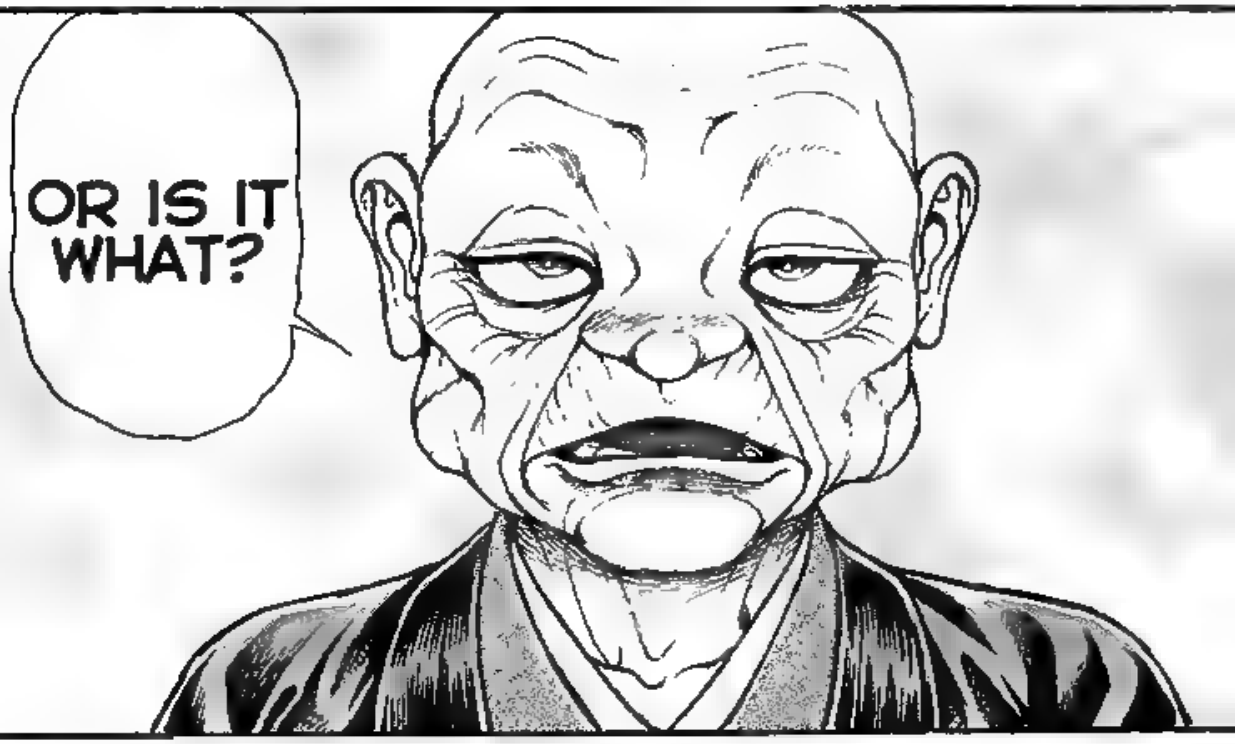
Chapter 196: Veneration

WE'VE INDUCED PRESERVATION THROUGH LIQUID NITROGEN.
EVERY 24 HOURS, THE TEMPERATURE DECREASES BY 2 DEGREES CENTIGRADE.
IT HAS BEEN 5 DAYS SINCE PRESERVATION BEGAN.

PRESENTLY, THE TEMPERATURE OF THE LIQUID IS -10 DEGREES CENTIGRADE.
THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF -196 DEGREES CENTI-GRADE...
WILL TAKE ABOUT 5 MORE WEEKS.

AS YOU ALL CAN SEE,
MUSASHI IS STAYING.

OR IS THIS...
IS THIS BECAUSE YOU PLAN TO REVIVE HIM AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE?
THIS PRESER-VATION...


OR IS IT WHAT?

MIYAMOTO MUSASHI.
A PER-PETUALLY PRE-SERVED...

MIGHT THAT BE A PROBLEM FOR YOU...?
THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME.
SO, YOU'RE THINKING...
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU, OLD MAN.

WHENEVER IT SUITS ONE OF US, AREN'T YOU?
FROM NOW ON, YOU CAN PULL THE MAN OUT AND PUT HIM BACK IN...

EVERY-ONE.

OF COURSE HE'S NOT.

IS THE MIYAMOTO MUSASHI IN THERE ALIVE?

THEN, IS HE DEAD ...?

THAT, TOO, WOULD BE IN-CORRECT.

TIME HAS STOPPED FOR HIM.

IS THE 'COM-PLETE BODY' OF MIYA-MOTO MUSA-SHI.

WHAT WE HAVE HERE...

AND A NICE, TIDY BURIAL BE VENERATING THE DEAD TO YOU!?
WOULD CREMATION...
I WILL NOT ALLOW THAT.

THE DEPARTED MUSASHI CAN ALWAYS COME BACK!

THAT IS MY TROTH TO THE TRAVELER.
THAT, EVEN IF HE CAN'T PASS THROUGH THOSE GATES AGAIN,
HIS PROPER HOME WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST, HERE.

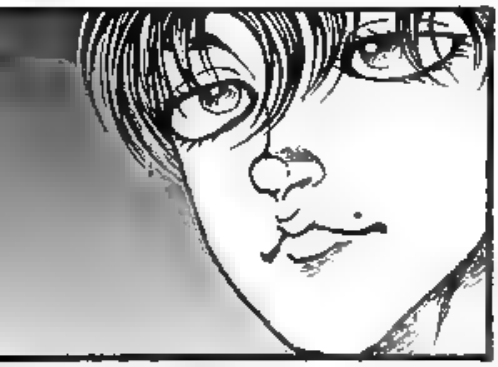
THAT THIS IS NOT RIGHT-FUL VENERA-TION?
CAN YOU TELL ME...

COULD I HAVE A MOMENT?

BAKI.

HM?

...



IF HANMA YUUJIRO...
IF THE OGRE...
WERE TO CLASP A PIECE OF COAL...
AND APPLY ASTRO-NOMICAL PRESSURE TO IT WITH HIS MYTH-LEVEL GRIPPING STRENGTH,

I IMAGINE HE COULD MAKE IT INTO A DIAMOND...

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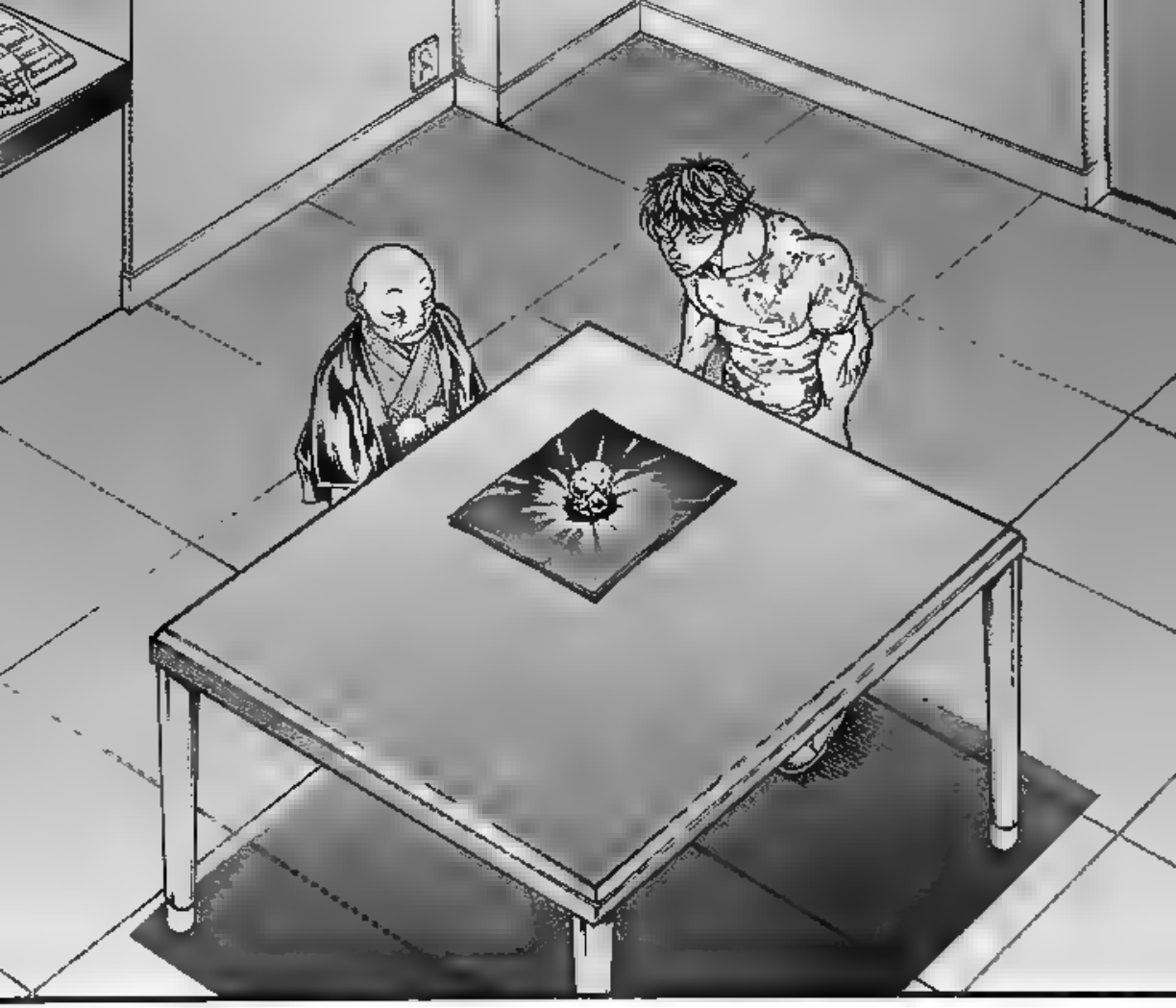
THAT'S TOO MYTHICAL TO BE REAL.

"MAYBE HANMA YUUJIRO REALLY COULD..."

BEING WHO HE IS,

BUT, IT'S TRUE THAT,

HE'S GOT THAT KIND OF AURA ABOUT HIM.



WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE ...?

WHAT IS THIS ...?

RIGHT ...?
IT'S A STONE...

THIS IS NO MYTH.

CREATED BY SUKUNE.
THIS IS A DIAMOND...

Has Yuujiro appeared since this chapter? - Jawsh

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"SUKUNE" ...?

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Chapter 197: Going Forward

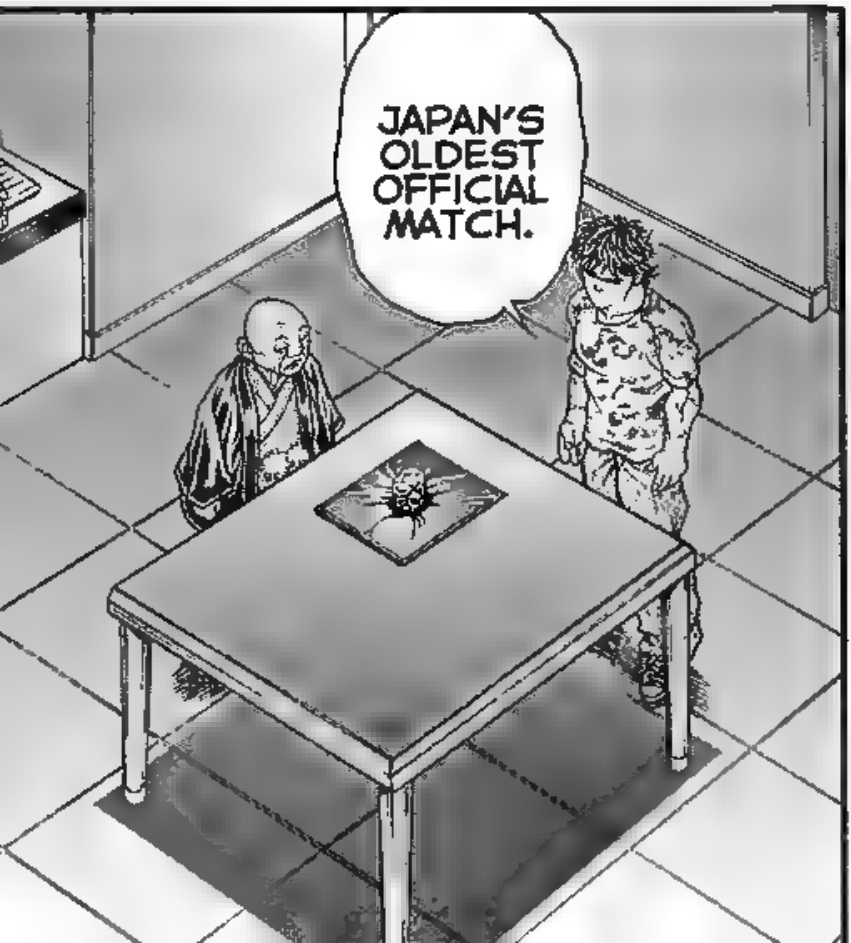
YOU DON'T MEAN ...

OH?

NOMI-NO-SUKUNE??

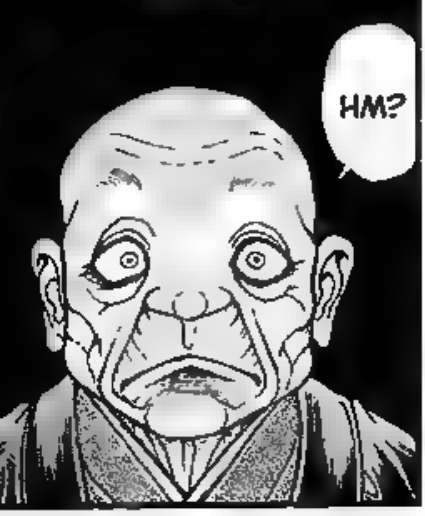
OF THE ORIGINS OF SUMO?

YOU KNOW OF HIM?


JAPAN'S OLDEST OFFICIAL MATCH.

A BARE-HANDED FIGHTING CONTEST.

YES, THAT NOMI-NO-SUKUNE.


HM?

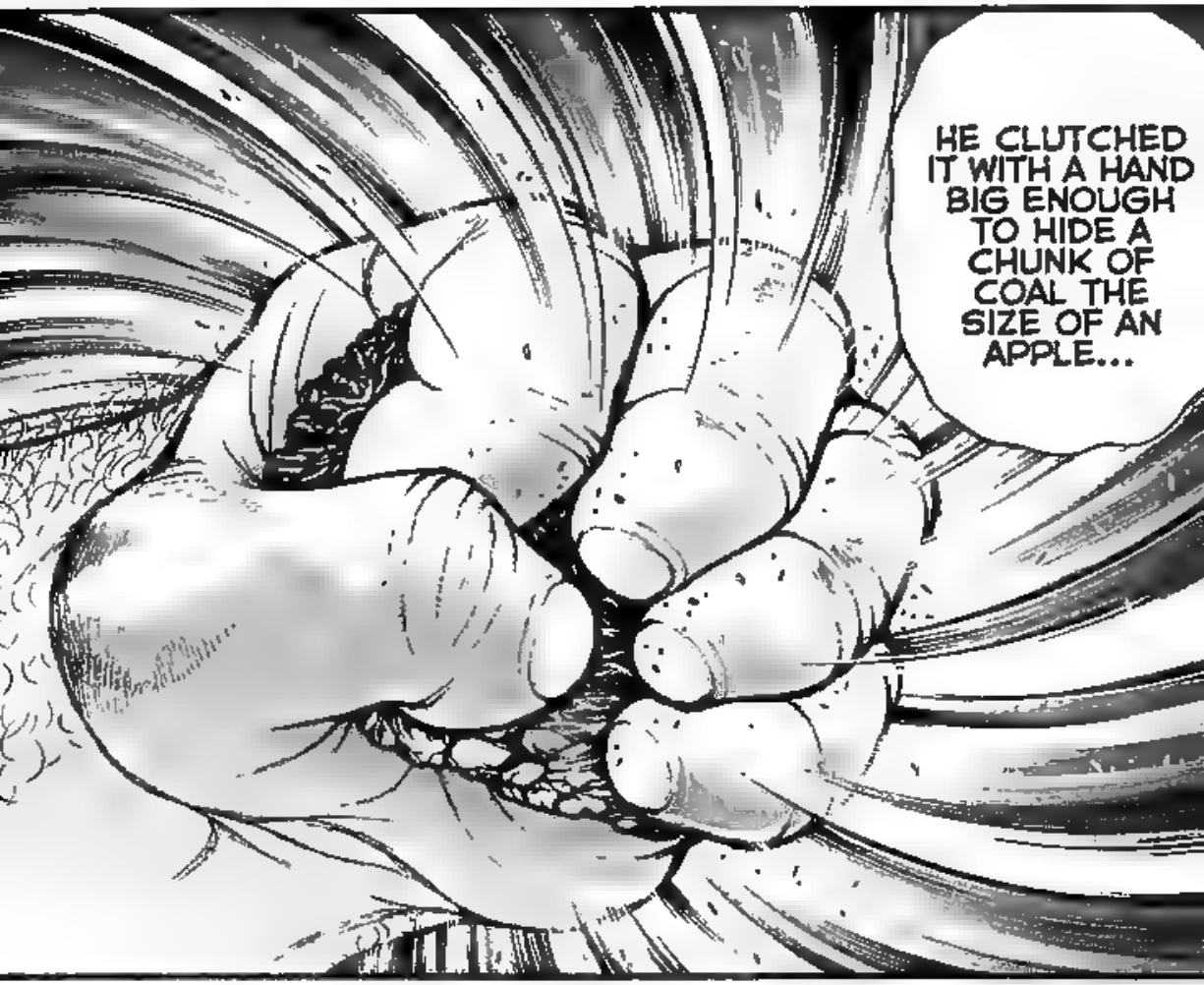
OLD MAN.

IS THIS ABOUT A CLONE?

ONCE, THIS WAS COAL.

SUKUNE, WITH HIS UNPARALLELED, MONSTROUS STRENGTH, GRABBED HOLD OF IT, AND...

NOT POSSIBLE.
YEAH, NAH, NAH, NAH.


HE CLUTCHED IT WITH A HAND BIG ENOUGH TO HIDE A CHUNK OF COAL THE SIZE OF AN APPLE...

AND LEFT ON ITS DARK SURFACE...
UN-QUESTION-ABLE SHIMMERS.
IT WAS ONLY PARTIAL, BUT HIS UN-PARALLELED GRIP STRENGTH HAD TRANS-FORMED THE STONE INTO DIAMOND!

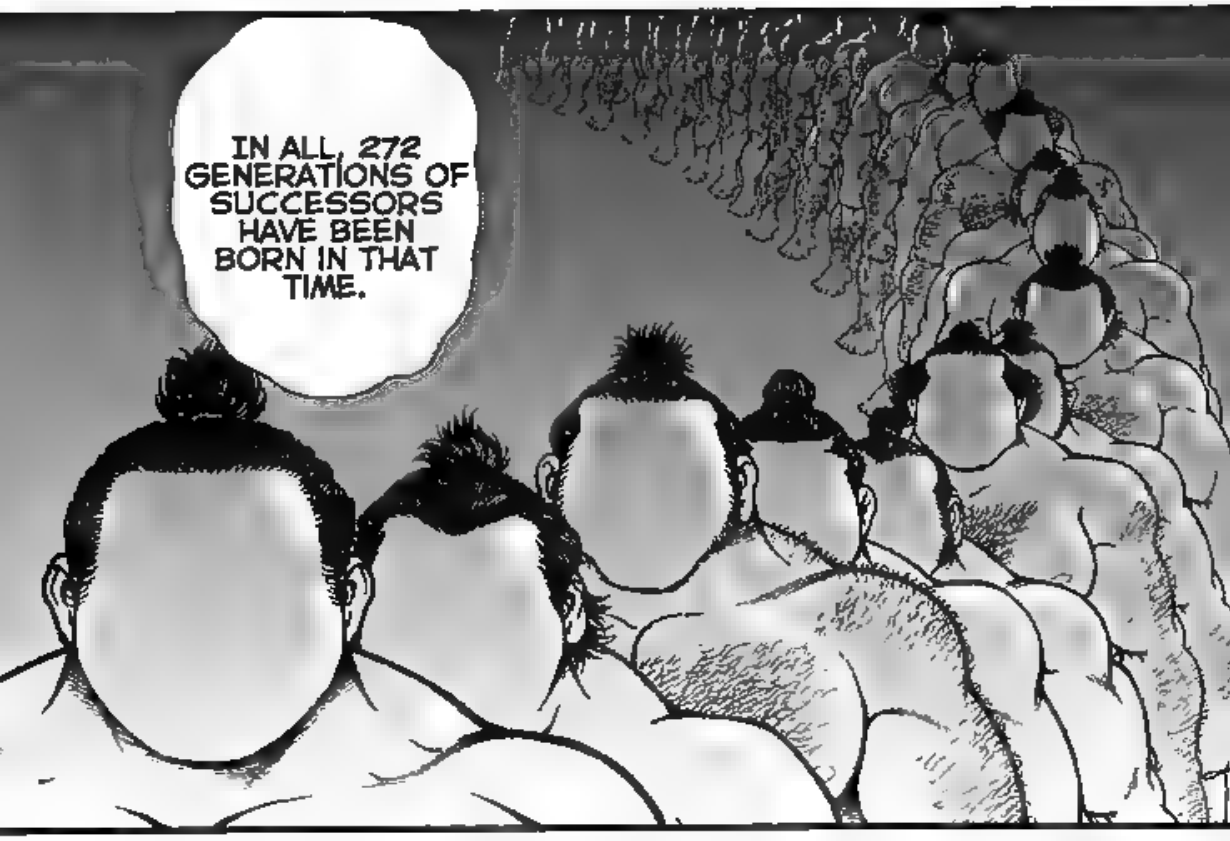
THIS IS ALL DIAMOND.

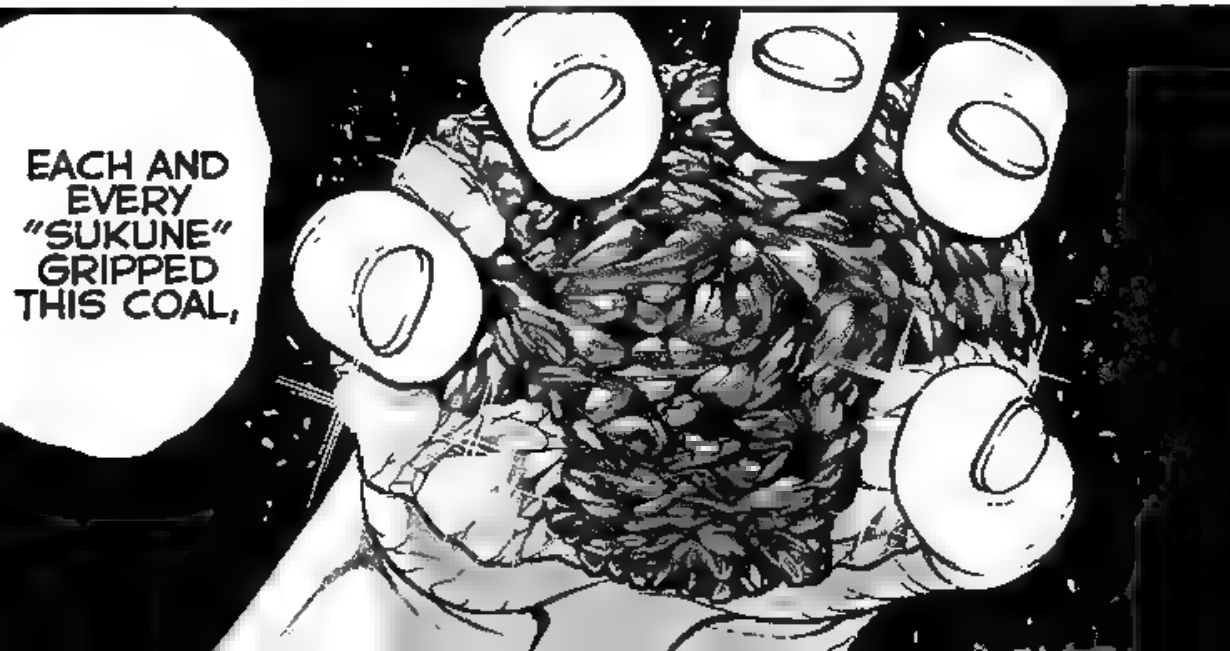
"PARTIAL" ...?

BY THE SECOND SUKUNE.

THESE 200 GRAMS WERE TURNED INTO 1,000 CARATS...

ABOUT 2,000 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE BIRTH OF THE FIRST.
THE SEC-OND ...


IN ALL, 272 GENERATIONS OF SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN BORN IN THAT TIME.


EACH AND EVERY "SUKUNE" GRIPPED THIS COAL,

BUT IT REMAINED UN-CHANGED.

THE DIAMOND-IFICATION WENT NO FURTHER.

THIS SHOULD GO WITHOUT SAYING, BUT...

WITH TIME, GREW INTO A YOUNG TREE...

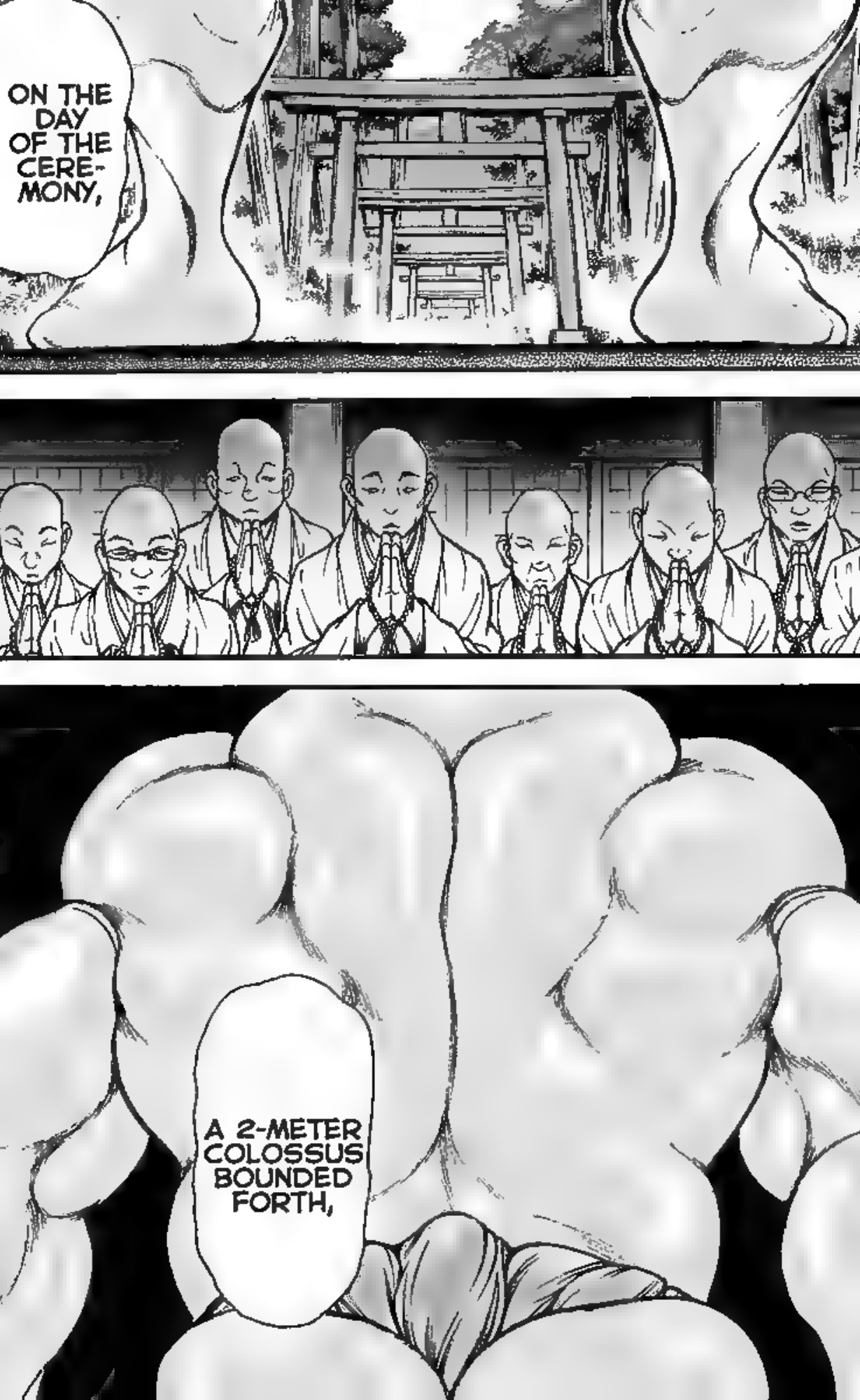
THE SPROUT THAT EMERGED IN ANTIQUITY,

IT MATURED INTO A GRAND TREE THAT PUSHED BACK ITS ENVIRONS,

AND, ULTIMATELY, BECAME A TERRITORY KNOWN AS A "SACRED TREE".

AS IF MATCHING ITS GROWTH ALL THOSE YEARS,

IS UNDERGOING AN ASTOUNDING MATURATION.
A CERTAIN YOUNG MAN...


ON THE DAY OF THE CERE-MONY,
A 2-METER COLOSSUS BOUNDED FORTH,

AND STEPPED TOWARD THE ALTAR.

AFTER CLASPING HIS HANDS IN PRAYER FOR SOME TIME,
HIS HAND REACHED OUT TOWARDS THE ENSHRINED GOSHINTAI.

IT WAS QUITE A WONDER.
HAHA...
MONK, KOIKE SAIMEI (AGE 26)
THE SIZE OF A GREAT APPLE, PERHAPS.
IT WAS LIKE THIS;
HIS HAND HID IT AS IF IT WERE A SPONGE!

WITH HIS EXTREMELY TREMEND-OUS GRIP STRENGTH, HE CLEN-CHED HIS FIST...

AND CLENCHED IT...
AND CLENCHED IT...
THUS, AT LAST,
SINGLE-MINDEDLY CLENCH-ING DOWN...

INTO THE HARDEST MATERIAL ON THE EARTH.

HE HAD TRANS-FORMED COAL...

HAS BEEN BORN.
THE SECOND NOMI-NO-SUKUNE ...

I'm kinda tired. - Jawsh

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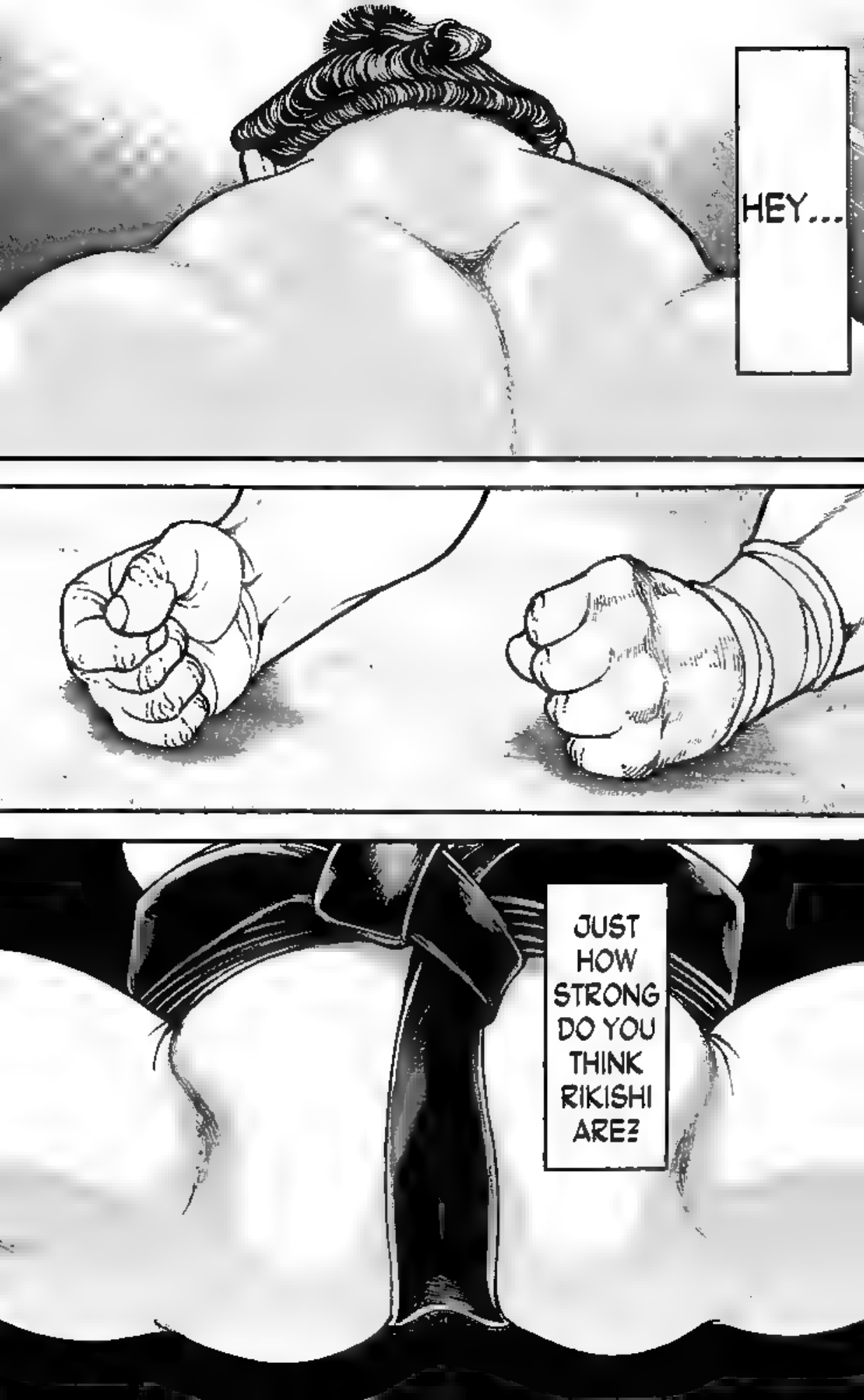
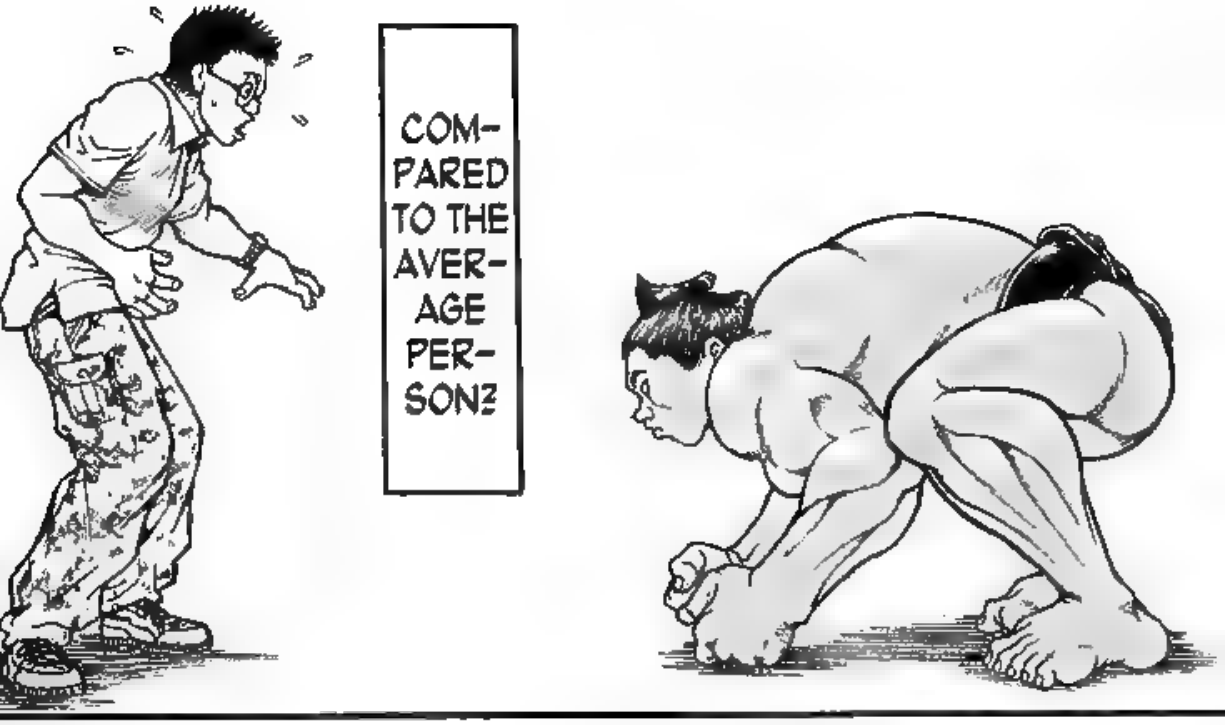
"RIKISHI" IS WRITTEN AS "POWERFUL MAN".

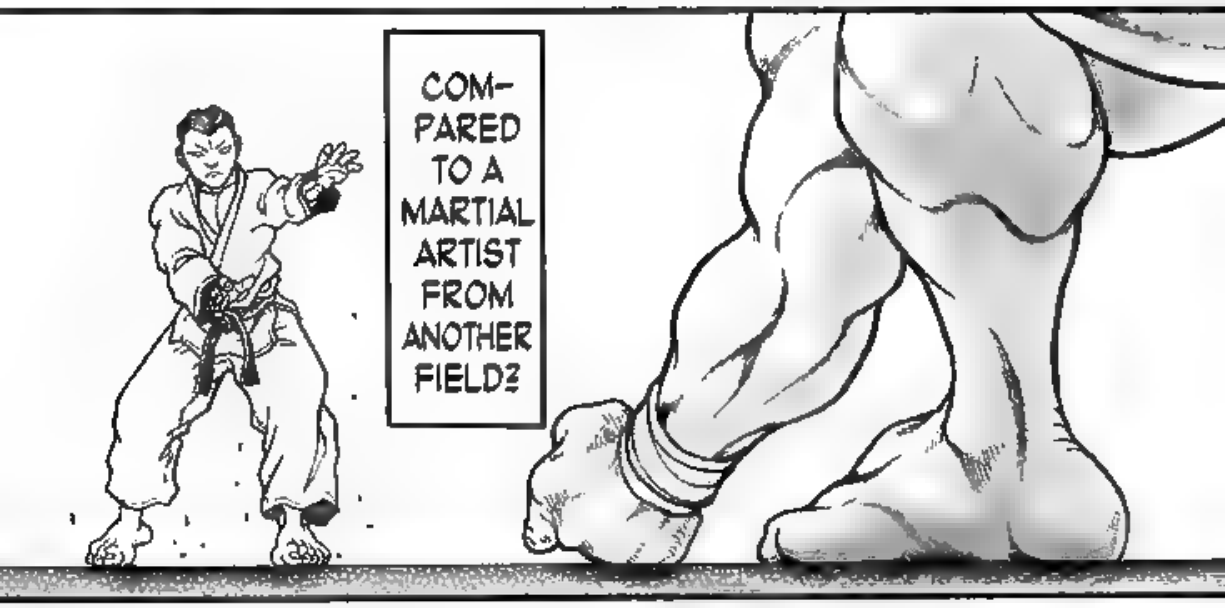
Final Chapter: Nomi-no-Sukune

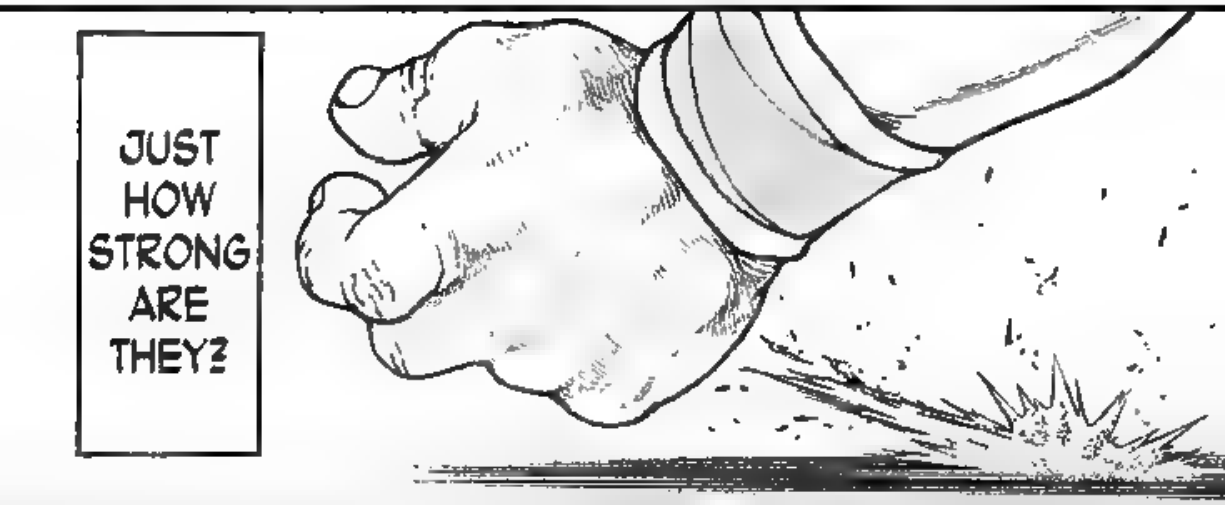
WAIT, HOLD UP...

THAT'S A BIG CLAIM YOU'RE MAKING ABOUT "SUMOU-TORI" ...


HEY...
JUST HOW STRONG DO YOU THINK RIKISHI ARE?


COM-PARED TO THE AVER-AGE PER-SON?


COM-PARED TO A MARTIAL ARTIST FROM ANOTHER FIELD?


JUST HOW STRONG ARE THEY?

WHEN THEY TRIED TO...
HAVEN'T WE ALREADY SEEN HOW STRONG THEY ARE...?
YES, WE SAW SEVERAL FAMOUS RIKISHI GO INTO THE RING.

THEY'VE HAD AWFUL RESULTS.
YEAH.
BUT...
THEY ARE FORMER RIKISHI.
THEY AREN'T RIKISHI.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM AND ACTIVE WRESTLERS IS SUB-STANTIAL.

SUMO BOUTS ARE SHORT...

MAYBE 10 SECONDS, ON AVERAGE?

IT'S RARE TO SEE A MATCH GO OVER A MINUTE.
IN A PRO BOXING TITLE MATCH,
LET'S COMPARE THAT TO THE TWELVE 3-MINUTE ROUNDS...
10 SEC-ONDS ...

MMA MATCHES ARE 15-25.
KICK-RULE MATCHES GO FOR 10-15 MIN-UTES.
10 SEC-ONDS ...
THAT SHORT-NESS IS A WORLD APART.

FROM WHAT THE SPRINTS IN TRACK-AND-FIELD SHOW US.

A HUMAN RUNNING AT FULL-FORCE...

CAN KEEP THAT SPEED FOR 10-20 SECONDS AT MOST.

THE ABILITIES WIELDED BY RIKISHI-

THAT MUSCLE MASS.
THAT FLEXI-BILITY.
THAT BODY FAT.

ALL OF THESE THINGS ...
ARE BUILT FOR JUST THOSE 10-OR-SO SECONDS.
THEIR HEART AND LUNG FUNC-TIONS ...
THE 10 SEC-ONDS OF THE RIKISHI ...

OKAY, LET'S SAY THIS:

AN MMA CHAMPION IS UP AGAINST A RIKISHI.

HE'S FIGHTING A RIKISHI WHO IS READY TO BE PUNCHED, TO BE KICKED.

COULD A RIKISHI'S 10 SECONDS BE STOPPED BY HIS WELL-TRAINED LOW-KICK!?

COULD A TIMELY COUNTER BRING DOWN THAT FULL-FORCE RIKISHI!?

WITH A SPEEDY TACKLE,
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COULD HE PULL OFF A TAKE-DOWN AGAINST THE SUMO WRESTLER?

IT'S A SHINTO RITUAL.

WHY DO THEY EAT SO MUCH?

WHY DON'T THEY USE CUTTING-EDGE SHOES?

WHY ISN'T THERE A STARTING SIGNAL?

IT'S A MYSTER-IOUS 'ROUND JUNGLE'.
I WILL SEARCH OVER THE FLESH OF THE RIKISHI,
DIG INTO THE MYSTERY OF THEIR BODY FAT,

AND LAY BARE THE MYST-ERIOUS "STRONG-MAN", THE RIKISHI!

I'D LIKE TO CUT OPEN THE DENSE CON-TENTS OF THOSE 10 SECONDS.
BAKI DOU - END

NOTE: MUSASHI DIED ON THE WAY BACK TO HIS HOME PLANET

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